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Syrian military acts to quell city uprising

DAMASCUS, Feb. 12 (AFP) — Thousands of military personnel, using tanks and artillery, fanned through the northern Syrian city of Hama, reliable sources said here Friday as an uprising in the town entered its 10th day.

The sources said the city was completely isolated from the rest of Syria, and that traffic on the roads to Aleppo Highway was being rerouted to secondary roads. Members of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood still held some areas in the old sections of the city, or in caves in cliffs surrounding it, according to the reports.

But the resistance appeared to be weakening, according to sources close to Syrian authorities who said they expected the complete elimination of Hama's Muslim Brotherhood elements in three to four days. Authorities have recovered hundreds of weapons used by the Brotherhood and its sympathizers, according to those sources.

Meanwhile, travelers arriving from Aleppo and Homs, two other northern Syrian cities, said the situation there was "calm."

(But according to a statement issued by the opposition Islamic Revolution of Syria reaching AFP in Vienna Friday, the Muslim Brotherhood claimed that 2,000 Syrian troops had been killed and 3,000 injured in the fighting.)

(The statement also said 3,500 Syrian soldiers — from two artillery units, an armor unit and an air defense battalion — had gone over to the opposition and had taken control of aircraft fuel depots. Serious fighting had spread to Damascus, Latakia, Aleppo and the eastern part of the country, the statement added.)

Syria Friday reiterated its denunciation of the United States, which first reported the uprisings Wednesday.

The *Al-Baath* newspaper, which is controlled by the ruling Baath (Socialist) Party in Syria, said Friday that the "provocative American allegations against Syria and the orchestration by the United States of the criminal operations of the Muslim Brotherhood are but a prelude for Israeli-American operations against Syria."

The *Tasbeeh* newspaper also blamed the United States for the Muslim Brotherhood uprising.

Meanwhile, in Iraq, the *Al Saoura* newspaper accused the Syrian regime of President Hafez Assad of "hitting the Syrian people with bullets and bombs, while observing a pause toward the Zionists and imperialists, and allying with the racists against the Arabs of Iraq."

Corsican nationalists revive attacks; French soldier killed

BASTIA, Corsica, Feb. 12 (AFP) — One French foreign legionnaire was killed Thursday night in a wave of shooting and bombing attacks by Corsican nationalists after a 10-month truce on the French Mediterranean island.

The French soldier died in hospital after he and another sentry standing guard outside a foreign legion rest camp had been fired upon by unidentified gunmen. His companion was severely wounded. A masked gunman also wounded an airforce sergeant in his house near a French military base after shooting his watchdog.

The shootings were followed by 16 bomb attacks — four in the north of the island and the remainder in the south. Other bomb attacks on the French mainland at Marseilles, where two electricity company offices were attacked, and at Aix-La-Chapelle were claimed by the independence-seeking Corsican nationalists in a telephone call to AFP.

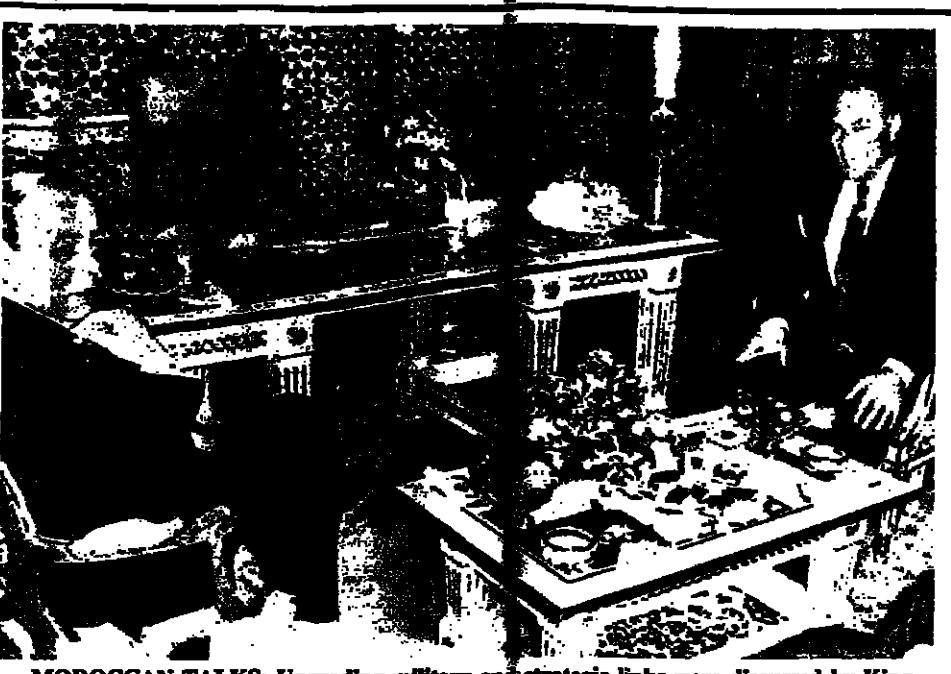
The incidents were the worst since April 3, 1981, when the Corsican National Liberation Front announced a truce in their campaign of violence.

Police said there was no doubt that the Corsican National Liberation Front was responsible for both the shootings and the bomb attacks in Corsica. A telephone message to the Ajaccio office of *Le Provençal* newspaper from an unidentified caller claimed responsibility for the National Liberation Front and described the attacks as "a warning."

The incidents rocked the island on the eve of a visit by French Defense Minister Charles Hernu who Friday attended the funeral in Calvi of 36 foreign legionnaires killed in an aircraft crash in December 1981.

A huge bomb completely destroyed a gendarmerie building under construction at Sari d'Orcinio in the south of the island. A Corsican nationalist emblem was found planted on the ruins.

In another incident, several masked gunmen chased the watchmen from a farm owned by a settler from former French North Africa and destroyed the premises with dynamite. The wave of attacks started at about 9 p.m. when the two foreign legion sentries were fired upon outside an army rest camp 25 kms south of Bastia.



MOROCCAN TALKS: Upgrading military and strategic links were discussed by King Hassan II of Morocco (right) and U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig (left), at the royal palace in Marrakesh.

U.S. pins hopes on plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan is this year pressing ahead with an economic strategy designed to restore the United States' erstwhile power and boost its military capability.

In this endeavor he has the backing of most industrial and financial leaders and a large part of the American public. The program will be pursued whatever the obstacles, for example the current recession — which it has no doubt helped to produce.

It will forge ahead regardless of the effects abroad, for example in the sphere of high interest rates. Moreover, the administration wants the non-Communist world as a whole to line up with the United States on such options as free trade, free money movements and encouragement for private initiative.

The recession in this country will not deflect Reagan from his basic objectives, though it may well mean that the strategy takes longer to work through and that the budget is less easy to balance.

Reagan's aides consider that large deficits without renewed inflation are acceptable, and note that in any case they are a mere fraction of the gross national product (GNP).

What President Reagan basically wants is to transfer some of the state's activities to the private sector and local governments. This kind of mutation means sacrifices and has its dangers, which is quite a worry for some Republican Congressmen with an eye on next November's elections. They are urging caution over the budget.

Drastic cuts in civil expenditure, in particular welfare provisions, for the second year in a row will hit the poorer classes. On the other hand tax reductions decided so far will mainly benefit companies and the wealthier citizens.

As for business recovery and increased U.S. economic might, the Republican administration is banking on modernization in industry and plenty of competition.

This bold economic program is undermined at present by high interest rates. A recovery is being forecast for the middle of this year, but if high rates continue it may not be on time. The government blames the Federal Reserve Board for the high rates, saying it should get a better grip on money supply.

Talks on bases soon U.S., Morocco boost military relations

MARRAKESH, Morocco, Feb. 12 (Agencies) — The United States and Morocco have launched on a spectacular upgrading of their military and strategic links, including plans for U.S. troops to use two Moroccan transit bases.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who arrived here Thursday for talks with King Hassan II, said after a first meeting with the sovereign that his government had asked Morocco for the use of the bases, and that talks on the plan would begin shortly. Speaking to the press, Haig described his two-and-a-half hour meeting with King Hassan as fruitful and extremely far-ranging.

He added that the discussion had centered on strategic issues, and that the prime consideration was peace in the region. In this context the secretary of state had harsh words for Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi accusing him of "highly destabilizing" action in North Africa, with the support of the Soviet Union.

Haig said that in view of their mutual concern at this danger, Morocco and the United States had decided to set up a joint military commission. He added that this decision, which reflected the traditional, close and longstanding friendship between Morocco and the United States, was motivated by the need for a more formal structure as a result of increased military cooperation.

Haig declined to give the location of the bases which U.S. forces had asked to use, but a reliable source said the United States might reactivate two former bases at Kenitra, north of Casablanca, and Sidi-Yahia.

Turning to aid issues, the secretary of state said he had high hopes of increased U.S. financial contribution to the Moroccan military budget for 1983. Haig told newsmen that he also discussed cultural affairs with King Hassan, who he said will visit Washington "before summer."

New cabinet of Bangladesh takes charge

DACCA, Feb. 12 (AFP) — A new 18-member cabinet was sworn in Friday in Bangladesh by President Abdul Sarfar, at a ceremony held within 12 hours of the dissolution of the previous 42-member council of ministers, the official BSS news agency reported here.

In a nation-wide broadcast Thursday night, the 76-year-old president had accused "many members" of the two and a half month old cabinet of corruption, inefficiency and inertia. President Sarfar personally retained the portfolios of defense, planning and establishment.

The agency reported that Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman had been allocated the ministries of law and parliamentary affairs, local government and religious affairs. Foreign Minister Prof. Shamsul Haq, one of two technocrat cabinet ministers sworn in Friday morning retained his old portfolio.

The new cabinet included 10 full ministers and eight state ministers. Sixteen were sworn Friday morning, while two others, Cabinet Minister Khandaker Abdul Hamid and State Minister Aung Shewpore Chowdhury, were expected to take the oath later, on their return to capital.

Dr. M.A. Mation retained the home ministry while the former information minister, Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, was allocated the ministry of railways, ports and shipping. The information ministry was given to Justice Tofazzal Hussain Khan, while the ministry of finance has been allocated to another technocrat minister, Dr. Fashuddin Mahtab. The ministry of food and agriculture went to retired Capt. Abdul Halim Chowdhury.

60 not dividing line between sunny and dark years of life span--experts

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 12 (AP) — Experts preparing for this year's world assembly on aging say the world's population in the year 2025 will include 11 billion, 21 million people 60 years old or over and they all should be allowed to work as long as they can — perhaps up to the age of 80.

The figure comes from the U.N. population division and, put up against the division's projection that the world's population will total 8 billion, 195 million in 2025, means that in that year one person in eight will be 60 years and up.

The recommendation in favor of older workers is in the report of a panel of 15 experts from 14 countries preparing documents to be put before the assembly for action.

"It should be explicitly stated," the report says, "that the elderly have the right to participate in the economic and social life of their countries, and it is especially desirable... to ensure that elderly workers continue to work as long as they so wish and are able to."

The U.N. secretariat has a mandatory retirement age of 60. Many companies in Western countries have obliged employees to retire at 65, but United States law now forbids mandatory retirement before 70.

The experts said they thought there was something arbitrary about taking 60 plus as the beginning of old age. "It is not necessarily the dividing-line between the sunny and the dark years of the life span," they wrote,

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Dr. Algosaihi asserts

Petrochemical plants will be viable ventures

JEDDAH, Feb. 12 — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi has expressed confidence that the petrochemical and other oil-based industrial plants now being set up in the Kingdom will be viable enterprises.

According to this week's *Saudi Business*, the cheap gas feedstock, ample financing and foreign technical assistance, the plants, which are joint ventures between the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and several foreign partners, will be coming on stream in mid-1980s.

Algosaihi confirmed to *Saudi Business* that the recently announced basic price of 50 cents per million BTU will apply to sales of ethane and methane by Petromin to the industrial plants. The 50-cent basic price will be increased by additional amounts in proportion to the industries' profitability. He said that a large portion of the Kingdom's future petrochemical production is already committed to the foreign partners, but admitted that domestic demand will absorb less than 10 percent of production. The remaining output will be marketed abroad by both SABIC and its partners, he added.

The minister ruled out the possibility of the Kingdom facing either tariff barriers or deliberate price cutting by competitors in foreign countries. He held a firm belief that the Saudi Arabian products, given a free market, will be competitive. He, therefore, saw no need for anticipating any linkage between oil and petrochemical sales. However, he made it clear that "our attitude will not be passive" in the event of any deliberate discrimination against the Kingdom's petrochemicals. "The linkage is one among

many possible responses," he said.

Meanwhile, SABIC has sent a group of Saudi Arabian professionals for training abroad, and several others will join them in the near future, the minister said. He added that "SABIC will be marketing its share of the Saudi products and will be increasing the quantities that it will be marketing worldwide". SABIC intends at some point in the future to assume full marketing responsibility for its share of the petrochemical products, he said.

Varsities urged to coordinate

JEDDAH, Feb. 12 — The Higher Council for Universities has recently recommended that there is a great need for developing the human capabilities and encouraging the research scholars to attain know-how in complete harmony with their academic qualifications and the field of their specialization.

According to *Okaz*, the higher education undersecretary, who is also secretary general of the council, has already intimated the council's resolutions and recommendations to all the seven universities of the Kingdom, asking them to prepare reports on their achievements in the field of academic research and their future programs.

He stressed upon the universities the need to realize complete coordination among themselves and the National Center for Sciences and Technology in this behalf, and also to give priority to those research works which are connected with the country's development plan and the needs of the society.

Prayer Times

	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Saturday						
Fajr (Dawn)	5:28	5:32	5:04	4:52	5:17	5:49
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:36	12:07	11:54	12:18	12:48
Asr (Afternoon)	3:52	3:50	3:21	3:07	3:31	3:59
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:18	6:16	5:47	5:32	5:56	6:24
Isha (Night)	7:48	7:46	7:17	7:02	7:26	7:54

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In less than a year

SR3.96b road contracts let

RIYADH, Feb. 12 (SPA) — From May last year until now, the Communications Ministry signed contracts worth over SR3.96 billion. The contracts include SR3.85 billion for the consultancy and the construction of flyovers and some 2,672 kms. of roads throughout the Kingdom.

The remaining contracts totaling SR12.19 million were for the maintenance of roads. Among the flyovers to be built is the Ministry of Petroleum flyover in Riyadh from the Military Hospital to King Faisal Airforce Academy. It will be made up of a 1,730-meter flying tunnel having three lanes in each direction. It will also involve the digging of a 900-meter dual carriage tunnel with two lanes in each direction under the airport street, in addition to some other related works.

PLO lauds OIC role

JEDDAH, Feb. 12 (SPA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) reaffirmed its firm commitment to the charters and principles of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

In a message to the OIC general secretariat the PLO hailed its role in bolstering Islamic solidarity and supporting the Palestinian revolution in its struggle with the Israeli enemy.

Meanwhile the OIC assistant secretary-general for political affairs, Ibrahim Al Zaman, received the credentials of Rafiq Al Nafsa and Ihsan Salha, as permanent representatives of PLO to the organization.

Projects covered by the contracts also call for the design and supervision of the remaining parts of the ring road around Riyadh with its main entries and intersections. Construction of the Jeddah-Madinah expressway will also be tackled.

One of the targets of the third Five-Year Development Plan which has entered its second year is to build 6,000 kms. of road in Saudi Arabia to increase the Kingdom's communications network and bring about more economic and social welfare and prosperity to the Saudi people.

Another target is to build 11,445 kms. of rural roads by 1985 to serve some 4,579 villages, besides improving and enlarging existing roads and building bridges and mountain passages and transforming a number of ordinary roads into dual carriage highways, with a 10-20 meter large island in the middle including all the necessary safety devices.

The first roads in Saudi Arabia were built in 1935 when the Works and Minerals Department was set up. But asphalted roads were first introduced in the Kingdom in 1957 with the new Jeddah-Makkah road. A new era of road construction was ushered in by 1964 when the length of paved and asphalted roads in the Kingdom reached 8,431 kms. The Ministry, later, thought about opening rural roads to link together the various villages. By 1970, some 3,739 kms. of agricultural roads had been constructed.

At the end of the first Five-Year Development Plan which had started in 1970, asphalted roads in Saudi Arabia totaled

12,169 kms and rural roads 8,077 kms. During the second Five-Year Development Plan, which started in 1975, the ministry built 9,400 kms. of road. Till the beginning of 1981, the ministry had implemented 34,000 kms. of road projects and 25,000 kms. of asphalted roads to serve 7,004 villages, with the help of national and foreign firms. It also built flyovers and tunnels in various cities, especially in the holy places to cope with the constantly increasing number of pilgrims.

In the meantime, Saudi Arabia has built several roads linking it with neighboring Arab countries. It built the Jizan/Al-Tawwala road and Dhahran South/Olab Safwa road connecting it with North Yemen and the new Arar road connecting it with Iraq. Three roads connect Saudi Arabia with Jordan; these are Al-Haditha/Amman, Tabuk/Halat, Amman/Al-Madawwada/Samsan and Haq Al-Dora/Al-Aqaba roads. The Kingdom is linked with Kuwait through two roads, Al-Khaffi/Kuwait and Hafr Al-Baten/Al-Ruqay/Kuwait. With Qatar, it has Hofuf/Salwa road which, in turn, leads to the United Arab Emirates and Oman. All this is besides the 25-km. causeway which will provide a direct link between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

Saudi-Bahraini week starts today

RIYADH, Feb. 12 (SPA) — Prince Faisal bin Fahd, president of the Youth Welfare Organization, Thursday reasserted the Kingdom's keenness to hold fraternity festivals with the youths of other Arab and Islamic countries.

Addressing the Saudi delegation to the Saudi-Bahraini Brotherhood Week which starts in Manama Saturday, Prince Faisal said that such weeks were part of the organization's activities and so far proved most successful.

Such weeks, he added, show the intellectual, cultural, technical and athletic standards attained by Saudi Arabia's youths who remain strongly committed to their faith and exemplary moral values. This commitment is indispensable to endeavor seriously to promote the objectives set forth by the Youth Welfare Organization.

The Saudi Arabian delegation to the Saudi-Bahraini brotherhood week is made up of 120 members representing the various cultural, intellectual, plastic arts, folkloric and sports activities which are popular in the Kingdom.

Qur'an memorization centers set up

JUBAIL, Feb. 12 (SPA) — The Jubail Social Welfare Society has set up five Holy Quran memorization centers in which 220 students are enrolled and receive incentive salaries, according to the society's annual report for 1980/81.

Phone services get new facility

JEDDAH, Feb. 12 — Saudi Telephone's new cable location vans will help save the Kingdom thousands of riyals in damage avoidance, and help eliminate the inconvenience of severed cables. Simply by dialing "906", excavating contractors can have one of the cable location vans visit their construction site, and mark the positions of buried telephone cables. This service is provided free by Saudi Telephone, in the public interest.

According to a Saudi Telephone press release, the new vans are air-conditioned to protect the delicate electronic equipment inside. The roofs of the vans are painted striking yellow for ease of identification by contractors and citizens. The words free cable location service call 906 are painted in bold face on the sides of the vans, in both Arabic and English, it said.

The society has so far spent SR54,836 on the centers, according to the report. It also spent SR38,430 on mosques. In addition, it gave SR159,550 to 134 needy families, including SR11,000 as relief aid and SR122,000 for the improvement of lodgings.

Another SR162,636 were spent on kindergartens which handle 154 children of both sexes. In 1980/81, the society also opened a new kindergarten for 13 children whose care cost SR23,883. The 1980/81 budget totaled SR879,651, showing an increase of SR182,270 over the previous year's, the report stated. New budget estimates for 1981/82 amount to SR1.92 million, as the society plans further expansion.

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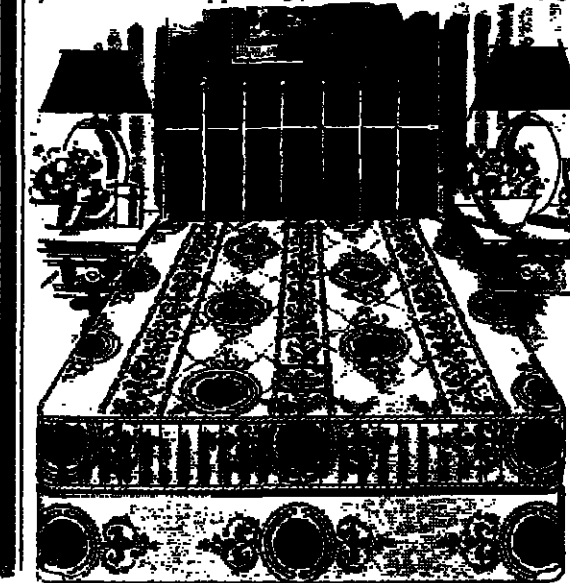
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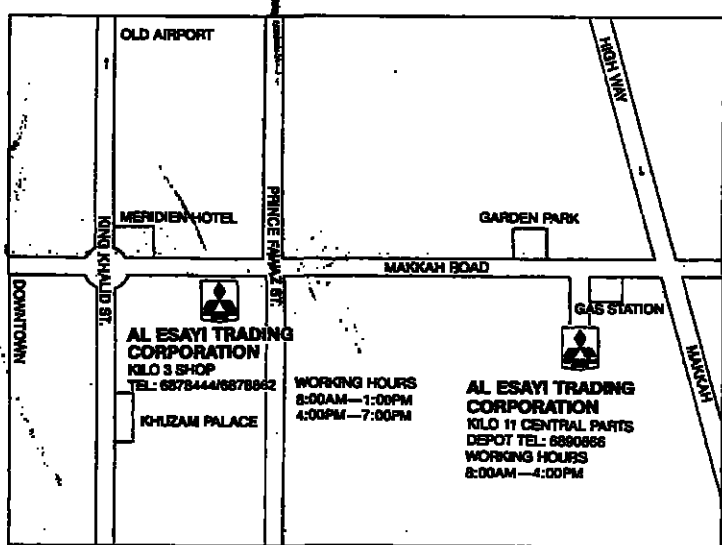
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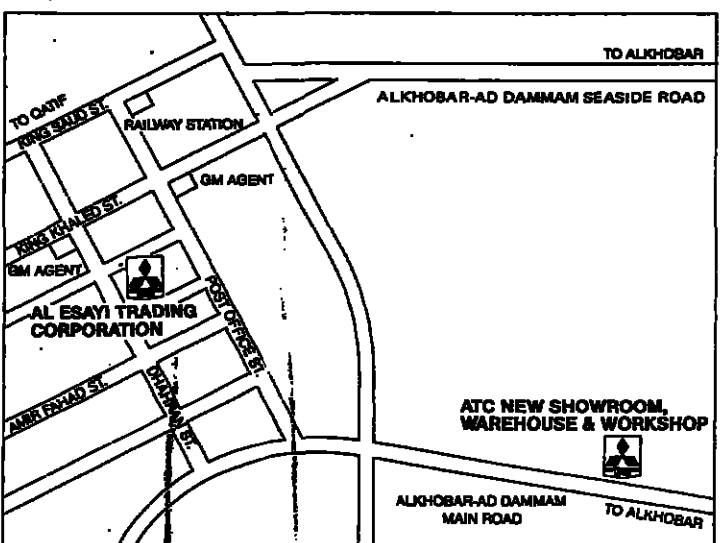
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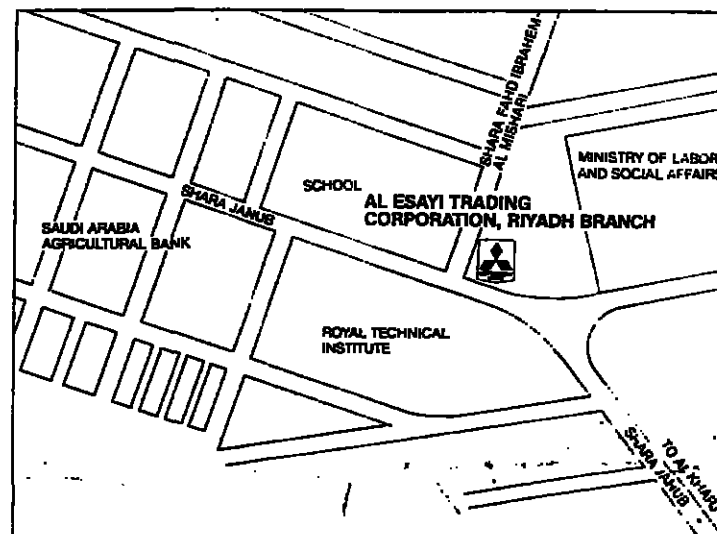
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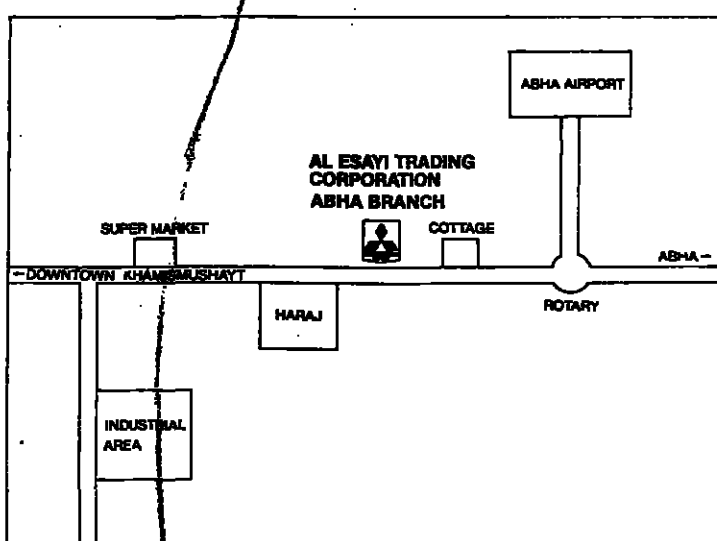
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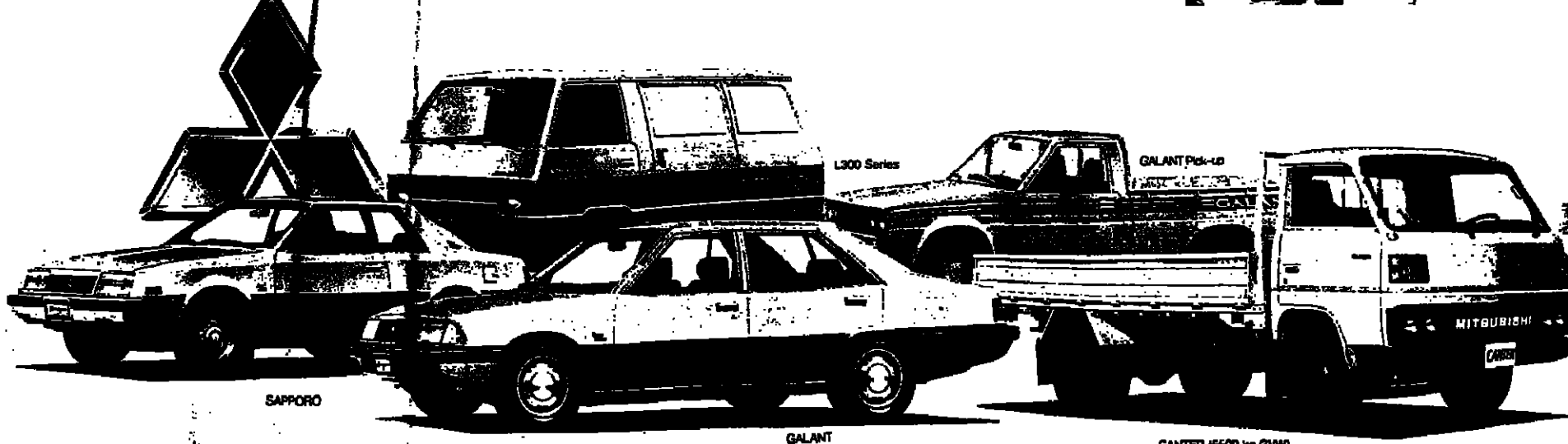
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Alleged plot against Reagan loses limelight

Whatever happened to Libya hit team?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP) — Whatever happened to the Libyan hit team, variously reported to have slipped into the United States, to be hiding in Mexico, or to have flown to Paris en route to Boston? Was the plot called off? And was there one hit team or two? Or was there none?

It was late last year — high drama at the White House. A team of assassins trained in Libya was said to be stalking President Ronald Reagan. Security was tightened. Presidential appearances were curtailed. U.S. borders were watched. Sketches of potential assassins were distributed.

And nothing happened. No attacks. No arrests. Nothing.

More than 2½ months after the fears first surfaced, publicity about the purported plot has faded. Yet, the vigilance around Reagan and top government officials has not been relaxed.

So what's happened? With rare exceptions, government officials refuse to speak on the record about the sensitive subject. "We consider the threat as active as it once was," said a senior administration official, who refused to be identified. "We haven't let down our guard."

As the story slipped off the front pages, there were fewer tips for law enforcement officials to follow. "There is much less information coming into the bureau than there was a month ago," said FBI spokesman Roger Young. "Thus far we haven't

established the presence in the United States of a Libyan hit team.

"As the leads dwindle," Young added, "there will be less manpower spent on it." He said the investigation remains a high priority — part of an across-the-board effort against terrorism.

The continued high state of security around Reagan is obvious. Reagan's motorcade frequently uses two limousines now — one for the president and a decoy car to confuse any attacker. A counter-assault team rides behind the armored presidential limousine in a van, with agents holding the doors ajar in case they have to spring out.

Reagan wasn't even in the motorcade when it pulled away from the White House Jan. 26 en route to Capitol Hill for his State of the Union address. His limousine left the White House by another gate, joined the motorcade in progress, and the entourage took an indirect route to the Capitol.

Flight paths have been altered for Reagan's helicopter trips to the presidential retreat at Camp David. The president's helicopter and air force one now carry missile defense systems.

Some CIA and Justice Department officials privately expressed serious doubts about the soundness of intelligence reports about the alleged team, or whether it really existed. Yet a law enforcement official said tips came from various sources, and that the person considered the best source submit-

ted to a lie detector test and passed.

Opinions vary. "We believed at one time there was (a hit team)," said one administration official, speaking anonymously. "Maybe it's disbanded." The official said he never saw anything that pinpointed the location of any team.

Another administration official, who also refused to be identified, said, "I have an idea the United States still thinks they're somewhere on the North American continent."

On Capitol Hill, the purported plot once was the subject of briefings for the congressional leadership and members of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees. No more, though. White House aides speculate that interest in the hit team was diverted by the military crackdown in Poland and the New Year holidays.

Reagan's top three White House aides — James A. Baker III, Edwin Meese and Michael K. Deaver — remain under Secret Service protection that began in early December. But Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, ranking Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said as far back as December, "Now that their cover is blown, the action is known... you will probably see the disappearance of the group involved."

Reagan helped fuel the story by publicly denouncing Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

84 said killed in Somali army mutiny

NAIROBI, Feb. 12 (R) — Guerrillas trying to overthrow the Somali government said Friday that 84 persons had been killed and 105 wounded in fighting between army mutineers and troops loyal to the government in northern Somalia.

The figures were contained in a message telexed to Reuters' Nairobi office by the "Somali Salvation Democratic Front" (SSDF), an umbrella organization formed last October by three groups committed to removing the government.

There was no confirmation of the figures from independent sources, but Western dip-

lomats in East Africa said that fighting had taken place in several garrisons between rebel troops and loyalists.

According to accounts by diplomatic sources and Somali dissidents Thursday, elements of Somalia's Eighth Army mutinied after the execution last month of several senior officers accused of collaborating with Ethiopian-backed guerrillas.

The SSDF has named two of the officers executed late last month as Lt.-Col. Abdullahi Said of the Eighth Army's Third Division, and Lt. Dahur Muhammad, commander of the 28th Battalion.

Soviet newspaper lauds Mubarak

MOSCOW, Feb. 12 (AFP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's new style of government was a clear improvement on the former regime's, the Communist Youth Movement paper *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said Friday.

The balance of Mubarak's first four months in power following the assassination of former President Anwar Sadat, was positive, the paper said, and raised hopes that Moscow and Cairo might soon strengthen bilateral ties.

The paper congratulated Mubarak for what it termed his "open door policy". Referring to recent moves to reinstate dialogue between members of the Egyptian political and religious opposition, and the regime, the paper said the president had clearly recognized the "opposition could play a vital role in Egypt's progress".

The government's fight against "corruption, waste, nepotism and bureaucracy" was also a positive sign of upcoming improvements in Egypt, the paper added.

Pakistan, India resume 'no-war' talks in March

NEW DELHI, Feb. 12 (AP) — India and Pakistan have agreed to resume talks on a proposed non-aggression pact in early March in Islamabad, Indian officials reported Thursday.

The two neighboring countries, which have fought three wars in their 34 years of independence, ended three days of "no war" talks Feb. 1 with general agreement in some broad areas and plans to continue the dialogue in the Pakistani capital.

The second round of discussions was scheduled for mid-February but was postponed with "mutual consent", the officials said. Indian External Affairs Ministry Secretary R.D. Sathe will head his country's delegation to the Islamabad talks.

The offer for a "no-war pact" came from Pakistan last September. At first, India spurned the offer, but later agreed to the talks when it appeared Pakistan was winning the propaganda war.

Golan Arabs threaten strike

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12 (R) — Arab inhabitants of the Syrian Golan Heights threatened Friday to hold a general strike unless Israel rescinded its annexation of the region within 10 days. Representatives of the 13,000-member Druze community on the Heights told reporters the strike would be indefinite.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin announced the annexation of the strategic plateau last December despite denunciations from the international community and criticism at home.

The Druze residents said that Israel was preparing the site of a new Jewish settlement near Majdel Shams, the largest Druze village.

U.N. panel declares Israel a threat to world security

GENEVA, Feb. 12 (AP) — By lopsided margins, the U.N. Human Rights Commission has adopted sternly-worded resolutions declaring Israel a threat to international security for annexing the Golan Heights and condemning the Zionist state for establishing settlements in occupied Arab territories.

The United States was alone among the commission's 43 members in voting Thursday against each of the three measures, which also included a resolution asserting that the Camp David accords "have no validity as far as they purport to determine the future of the Palestinian people." That resolution was passed by 22 to 8, with 10 abstentions.



Not all nations participated in the voting.

Israel is a non-voting observer at the commission.

The panel's strongest endorsement, by 32 votes to 1, with 9 abstentions, was for a sweeping measure assailing Israel for setting up new settlements, "pillaging" unidentified archeological sites and the "destruction and demolition of Arab homes."

That resolution also proposed holding a week-long seminar in Geneva on "violations of human rights in the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied by Israel."

The vote against the Golan Heights annexation was 22 to 11, with 7 abstentions. The resolution declared the move "null and void and without any legal international effect."


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At Tunis meeting

Syria to seek economic sanctions against U.S.

TUNIS, Feb. 12 (Agencies) — Syria was expected to press for economic sanctions against the United States when Arab foreign ministers met here Friday to discuss Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights last December. But a document circulated by the Syrian delegation to a special Arab League Council session left it to petroleum exporting Arab states whether to use the oil weapon to retaliate for U.S. diplomatic support of Israel.

Last month, Washington vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution calling for voluntary sanctions against the Zionist state and later voted against a General Assembly text urging member states to cease all dealings with Israel.

The Syrian document urged the U.S. to stop all military and financial aid to Israel, and proposed that in the meantime the Arab states take economic measures against American interests. It called for a halt to relations with American firms engaged in development projects in the Arab world and to Arab investments both in the U.S. and American institutions elsewhere.

Syria also recommended an end to imports from the U.S. and the withdrawal of Arab funds from American institutions in the U.S. and abroad within five years. The document, in a clause of wording milder than expected,

Lebanese leftists oppose plan to reinforce UNIFIL

BEIRUT, Feb. 12 (R) — Lebanon's leftist National Movement Friday rejected a government plan to reinforce United Nations troops in South Lebanon and extend their area of operations.

The movement, a coalition of 13 leftist parties allied to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), said in a statement the plan contained no guarantee that U.N. troops could move into the border strip now controlled by an Israeli-backed Lebanese militia.

The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), set up in 1978 after Israel's invasion of South Lebanon, at present controls only a part of its mandated territory.

The National Movement said the Lebanese government was asking the U.N. Security Council to increase UNIFIL's strength from 5,000 to 7,000 to enable it to move south into the border strip and north and west into areas

said Arab oil exporting countries should take into account the position of their customer countries toward Arab interests, but stopped short of specifically requesting an oil embargo.

Asked on arrival here Thursday night about a possible oil embargo, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam replied that this was just one of several weapons available to the Arabs. "The main weapon is a military balance between Syria and Israel," he told reporters.

Syria has maintained that there can be no Middle East settlement without a "strategic balance" between the Arabs and Israel.

Another proposal in the Syrian document was to boycott all foreign officials who have visited Jerusalem or the Golan Heights, which Israel occupied in the 1967 Middle East war.

Friday's meeting was originally scheduled for Dec. 27, but was postponed several times at Syria's request as the U.N. maneuvering ran its course.

Chedli Klibi, secretary-general of the Arab League, refused to speculate on the outcome of the emergency session. But he said he seriously doubted there would be sanctions against the United States or other Western supporters of Israel.

controlled by the PLO and their Lebanese leftist allies. It said the plan was wrong to equate the two areas, and should concentrate instead on driving out the Israeli-backed militia leader Saad Haddad, who controls the border enclave.

The Security Council is expected to meet next week to discuss the Lebanese government's request, which it shelved in December. Lebanese press reports have said the Soviet Union, which is friendly with the National Movement, will not oppose the request.

A U.N. official who visited Lebanon last week said the extra troops were needed to help UNIFIL carry out its existing tasks properly and not necessarily to extend its area of operations.

UNIFIL says it needs more men to stop armed militiamen from infiltrating its territory.

Reports on U.S. arms sales to Jordan worry Israelis

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12 (AP) — Israel expressed concern Friday at reports that the United States was considering additional sales of top-quality arms to Jordan, whose King Hussein is interested in receiving F-16 fighter-bombers.

"As a matter of principle we oppose arms sales to Arab countries that are in a state of war with Israel," said an Israeli official who requested anonymity.

The Israeli concern was sparked by news reports from U.S. Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger's visit to Jordan. One report

Weinberger sightseeing in Jordan

AMMAN, Feb. 12 (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger, after two days of talks with Jordanian officials on Jordan's military needs, flew by helicopter on a sightseeing tour Friday.

Weinberger, who arrived here Wednesday on the last leg of an Arab tour headed for Petra, 200 kms south of Amman. He was to return to Amman later Friday for talks with Crown Prince Hassan.

Iraq blames Syria for embassy blast

BAGHDAD, Feb. 12 (AFP) — An official Iraqi report has blamed Syria for the bombing of the Iraqi Embassy in Lebanon in which 51 persons died and 70 were wounded last Dec. 15.

The report said: "This murderous act was planned by the Syrian intelligence service and carried out by their agents in Al Dawa" (An Iraqi group backed by Iran). Al Dawa militants in Tehran had claimed responsibility for the blast.

quoted an official with Weinberger's party saying that Washington was embarking on a "get-tough" policy with Israel.

Israeli officials, speaking on a background basis, said they could not believe the report reflected American policy which traditionally has been friendly and supportive of Israel. But the officials confirmed that Israel was seeking clarification of the report.

The sale of advanced weaponry to Jordan could "endanger the balance of power in the Middle East and endanger the security of Israel," one official said.

According to an official announcement,

Hassan is expected to brief the U.S. diplomat in the situation in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan and the rising number of Israeli settlements there.

Weinberger has already met with King Hussein and top political and military officials. Hussein on Thursday told reporters he was looking into the possibility of buying mobile U.S. Hawk missiles.

The report affirmed that Syria put pressure on Lebanese investigators to keep them from divulging their findings to newspapers, that Syrian agents "stole plans of the building from the Association of Lebanese Engineers," and that Syrian soldiers posted near the embassy had "delayed rescue operations" after the blast.

Some 200 kilos of explosive combined with oxygen tanks was used to blow up the building, the report said.

BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (AP) — The supreme court has rejected an appeal by Palestinian landowners in the occupied West Bank who challenged the military's right to seize land in the area. The Arabs had hoped to block government seizure of land whose formal ownership was unclear but which had been used by them.

ISLAMABAD, (R) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq said Thursday that Iran and Pakistan could learn from each other to establish an Islamic order. In a speech at an Iranian Embassy reception marking the third anniversary of Iran's revolution, Zia said the "Islamization" process in both countries faced opposition from "elements from within."

NEAUPHLE-LE-CHATEAU, France (R) — A bomb and fire Friday destroyed the former home-in-exile of Iranian revolution-

ary leader Ayatollah Khomeini from which he directed the popular uprising which overthrew the Shah in 1979.

VALLETTA, Malta, (AP) — Algerian Premier Muhammad Abdulghani arrived in Malta Thursday on a two-day official visit including talks with Prime Minister Dom Mintoff. Algeria was one of the first countries that recognized and supported Malta's status as a nonaligned country.

ISTANBUL, (R) — A Soviet oil tanker cut underwater power lines between the European and Asian shores of the Bosphorus when it ran aground Friday at Istanbul, police said.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — The Pakistani Custom Intelligence wing Friday seized 80 kg of heroin and 270 kgs of opium in Pakistan's Northwest Frontier province, an official source said.



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ARAB MEETING IN TUNIS

Arab foreign ministers are meeting in Tunis to discuss the situation arising from the U.N. General Assembly resolution condemning Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights. The meeting has been requested by Syria, which is presenting it with a series of recommendations. Some foreign ministers have been unable to attend.

The Arab world took the Golan case to the U.N. General Assembly after the American veto in the Security Council made the passage of the Arab resolution impossible. The United States then carried its opposition to the General Assembly. Britain and France abstained in both forums.

The American stand constituted nothing new for the Arab world, which sees the United States acting always as Israel's ally and helper. There is also nothing new, given the aftermath of the wars of 1967 and 1973, in the calls for boycotting it. What surprised as well as dismayed the Arabs was the stand of the Western Europeans — a point which might well occupy the foreign ministers as they sit in Tunis.

The British and French stands (and beyond them, Western Europe as a whole) showed that, when it comes to the Middle East, the link between America and its allies is extremely strong, so that a move against one side would bring in the other to its aid. And with this absence for room for maneuver here, the only alternative left on the international arena is that of the Eastern bloc — an alternative which a number of the Arab countries find unpalatable.

This, in the final analysis, is the dilemma which the Tunis meeting will have to consider.

Saudi Arabian press review

The emergency Arab foreign ministers meeting in Tunis to ensure the full implementation of the U.N. General Assembly sanctions against Israel for its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights, and the situation in Lebanon and Iran, were topics for editorial comment in Friday's newspapers.

Dealing with the Arab conference in Tunis *Okaz* urged the participants to adopt a collective Arab stance and to objectively evaluate previous Arab moves taken since the Israeli decision to annex the Syrian Golan Heights.

"The evaluation is necessary to determine the next joint Arab moves for putting the U.N. sanctions resolution against the Zionist entity into effect," the paper said.

It urged the Arab foreign ministers to work out a program for establishing a dialogue with the U.S. and the other Western countries which voted against the U.N. sanctions "so as to persuade these nations to change their blind support for the aggressive Zionist entity".

"The administrations and peoples of the U.S. and Western countries should be informed of the expansionist nature of Israel as the Arabs are seeking a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," it added.

Okaz called on the Arab ministers to adopt the Arab plan for peace in the Middle East placed on the agenda of the adjourned Fez summit.

"The adoption of this plan will produce official and popular backing of the international public opinion in favor of the just Arab

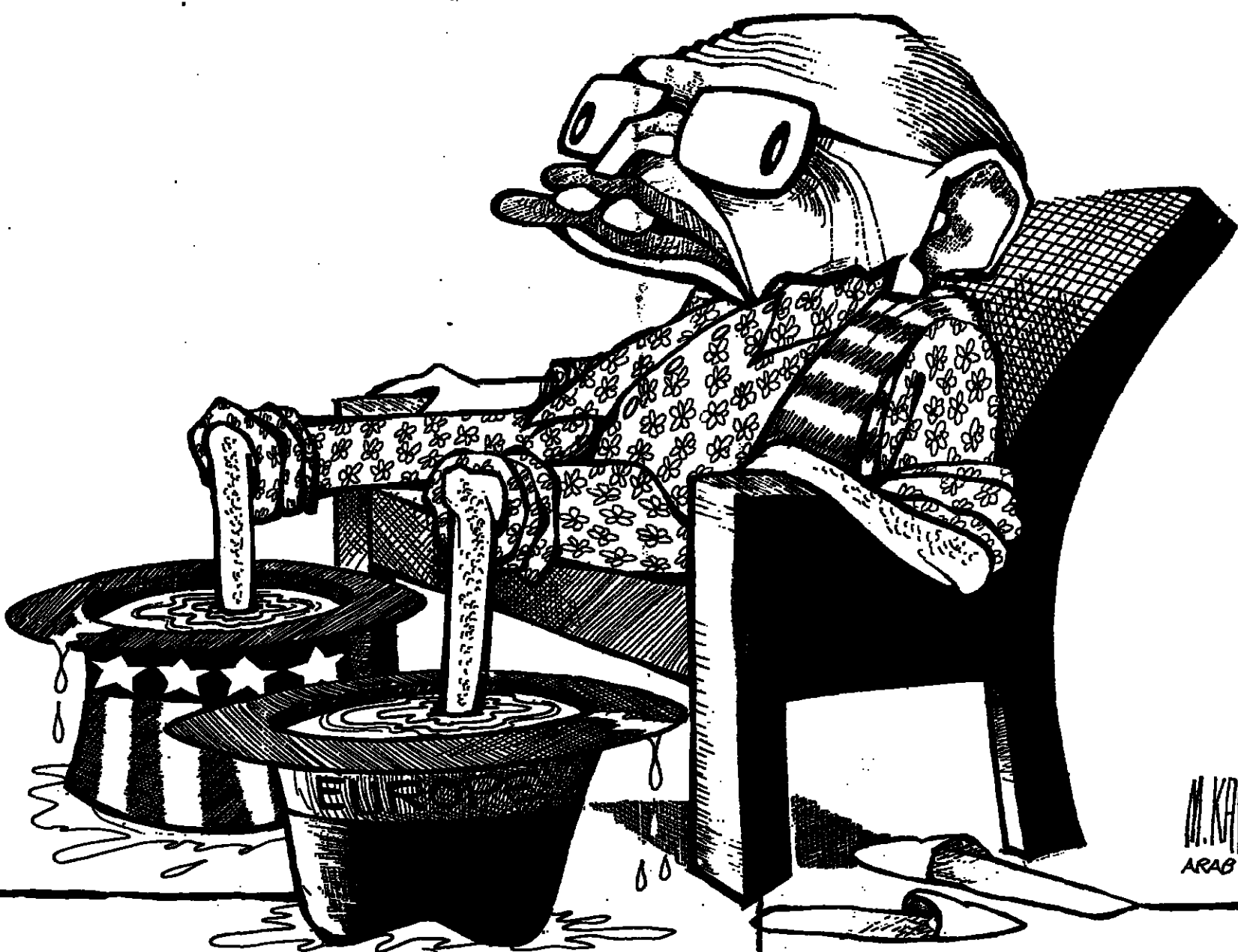
rights, ensure the liberation of the occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem and enable the Palestinian people to achieve their legitimate rights including their right to self-determination and the establishment of their independent state on their own land," the paper added.

Commenting on the Lebanese situation, *Al-Jazirah* said the real danger threatening southern Lebanon and the country as a whole has plunged Lebanon into the big powers' game of conspiracies and ambitions.

"Any Arab or international efforts to save Lebanon, either from the Israeli dangers or ambitions of the conflicting superpowers, depend on reaching national reconciliation in Lebanon that will lead to political security and social stability for all Lebanese," the paper said. It hoped the Arab Follow-Up Committee's efforts would succeed in working out a strategy that "could bring national reconciliation and protect Lebanon's independence and sovereignty against any Israeli attack which seems imminent."

On the Iranian situation, *Al-Madineh* criticized the criminal acts committed by Khomeini's regime against the Muslim Iranian people.

The paper observed that the decline of the Tehran regime has started and "national uprisings are breaking out in Iran against Khomeini's regime whose promises to bring about reform and welfare into the country have collapsed and have been replaced by killings and oppression unknown in the Islamic history". — (SPA)



Polish-American ties headed for prolonged strain

By Bradley Graham

WARSAW — Polish authorities appear to be settling in for what they foresee as a prolonged cooling in relations with the United States, while still hoping to keep some lines of trade, finance and other exchanges open to the West. In response to what is seen here as America's campaign against Poland, the martial-law government has released a flurry of anti-U.S. press commentaries and official statements attacking Washington's motives.

The United States is charged with interfering in Poland's internal affairs and with attempting to turn the Polish crisis into an international affair as part of a grand strategic design to undermine socialism. Poland's vigorous counterattack is an attempt to justify the new military order and to offset the effect of Voice of America and Radio Free Europe broadcasts received in many Polish homes.

But, Warsaw authorities say, the intensity with which Polish officials have responded to U.S. criticism and events such as the recent "Let Poland be Poland" television production reflects a judgment that relations will remain poor for some time. This is blamed not on what has happened in Poland, but on a reorientation of U.S. policy toward the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

The argument here is that it is America's souring on détente in the months before Warsaw's imposition of martial law Dec. 13 that inhibits continuation of the business, cultural and travel ties that grew between Poland and the United States during

the 1970s. In this view, the Reagan administration is seen as using the Polish crisis simply as a "paw" in a scheme to destabilize the Communist world, incite a new cold war, rally the Atlantic Alliance around a hard-line policy and justify a Western arms buildup.

The Polish army paper, *Zolnierski Wolnosc*, said in a commentary recently that the Reagan administration would like to regard Poland "merely as a pawn in its global political gamble to win world hegemony, or at least to keep its dominance over the capitalist system unchallenged."

The government paper, *Rzeczpospolita*, said: "The constant exacerbation of the Polish question in the international arena, the attempts to internationalize Poland's domestic problems that we have been witnessing since the introduction of martial law in our country, the diplomacy of pressures and the carrying out of anti-Polish propaganda in the form of spectacular TV speeches made by traitors of the Polish nation or the latest TV show have little in common with the interests of Poland or the Poles."

"The Polish weapon in the hands of the Reagan administration," Warsaw's official paper continued, "serves solely and exclusively the U.S. big-power strategic objectives, and we do not wish this weapon to be used at our expense."

Much is also being made in Poland's propaganda of the differences between the U.S. and the Western European approaches to the situation here. Western European nations are portrayed as wary of

U.S. aggression and worried about an American overreaction to the Polish crisis.

Included in Warsaw's pitch to the Western Europeans is a subtle appeal to observe their common interest in keeping peace on the continent — a continent, it is stressed, they share with Poland — rather than get drawn into a renewed East-West struggle.

Britain's announcement recently that it was joining in the U.S. sanctions would seem to weaken Polish efforts to isolate the United States and play up a transatlantic rift. Authorities here have depicted the British actions as having been forced by U.S. pressure, "a concession toward the demands of Washington," said a Polish press agency commentator.

Given the discredit in which many Poles hold their own authorities, the official propaganda is probably having only limited effect at best. When 3,000 people battled Polish security forces in Gdansk Jan. 30 and when the military government raised food prices drastically Feb. 1, officials sought to blame the country's deepening economic hardship on U.S. refusal to grant new credits for grain purchases.

U.S. diplomats here, meanwhile, shrug off the anti-American propaganda, which went far recently as to accuse the Central Intelligence Agency of manipulation of the independent trade union Solidarity and allege, during a five-part television series, that the CIA had conducted extensive espionage activities against Poland.

For all Warsaw's official snarling, the government here knows it cannot afford to sever ties with the West. It still hopes to negotiate extensions with Western governments and banks for repayment of its \$28.5 billion debt and to continue trading with emphasis on spurring hard currency-earning exports.

But some reorientation in economic ties is expected. The U.S. sanctions, which one senior government official stated privately had not been anticipated in planning the crackdown, brought home how vulnerable the Polish economy had become to the West, particularly in agriculture. Poland's poultry industry is heavily dependent on feed corn imported from the United States.

"We've learned a lesson that will be of a lasting character," government spokesman Jerzy Urban said in an interview, commenting on U.S.-Polish relations. "It is not safe for Poland to have excessive relations with a far-away country with global interests that will pursue those interests at the expense of our own."

Urban said the strain in relations was especially regrettable, since Polish public sympathies for U.S. styles, attitudes and problems had traditionally been very strong — greater even, the spokesman added, "than for other large powers much closer to Poland."

"Independent of political difficulties," he said, "something unbeneficial has happened to relations." But Urban added pointedly, "It is our propaganda that is having success, not yours." (WFO)

India's untouchables threatened with more massacres

By Sumanta Banerjee

AGRA, India — Like everywhere else, India's rich and landed gentry and the jetsetters were celebrating New Year's eve in style — dining and swinging to the latest pop tunes. But that same midnight, about 400 *harijans* (untouchables) were spending a different New Year's eve in the village of Sadhpur, a few miles from Agra, home of the famous Taj Mahal.

The *harijans* were standing watch over the remains of ten of their fellow untouchables who were massacred the previous night by a gang of dacoits. The Sadhpur "carnage" was just one in a series of attacks against *harijans* that rocked India's largest state of Uttar Pradesh.

Only six weeks before, in mid-November, 24 *harijans* were gunned down by brigands in a village called Deuli, only 25 kms from Sadhpur. Statistics indicate an alarming rise in the number of *harijans* killed in Uttar Pradesh: 191 in 1979, 236 in 1980 and "definitely much higher in 1981," said a police official.

When I arrived at Sadhpur a few hours after the massacre, I found the *harijans* surrounding the dead bodies. They were in a menacing mood. They said that fearing attacks by brigands soon after the Deuli massacre, they requested guns and police protection from local police authorities. Their request was not heeded.

According to the *harijans*, the raiding party did not take anything from their village. As reconstructed, the brigands entered the village and asked

two women where the *harijans* lived. (In North Indian villages, the *harijans* stay in segregated quarters.) Once there, the armed men forcibly entered five huts and gunned down ten *harijans*, including six women and two children. The incident lasted less than 30 minutes. The killers are still at large.

According to survivors, their menfolk were away attending a cooperative union meeting in another part of the village. Some of the men said they heard gunshots but they mistook these for drumbeats. The experience of Sadhpur *harijans* is shared by their colleagues in other Indian villages. Because of their low social status, they cannot expect police protection against brigands. Guns for self-protection are a luxury to them. A modern rifle with a license costs about \$3,000. A World War II vintage firearm costs anywhere between \$1,000 and \$2,000 — which a *harijan* can never hope to save even in his lifetime.

Sometime in 1978 during the Janata Party regime, the chief minister of Bihar state in East India decided to arm *harijans* for their protection. But this practice was not followed by other Indian states. And today, neither does the Indira Gandhi regime favor the arming of *harijans*. Many believe that arming the *harijans* would later pose a political problem to the central government. The armed *harijans*, it is said, might later go the way of the tribal Nagas and Mizos in northeast India, who have been waging a war for independence.

Already in Maharashtra state in West India, young and militant *harijans* have banded themselves into a group called Dalit Panthers, seeking a separate status for themselves. Dalit means down-

trodden and Panther is borrowed from the Black Panther movement of the American Negroes in the 1960s.

The *harijans* constitute only one-seventh or 90 million of the total 683 million Indians. The bulk are living in extreme poverty because of their low social status. They are mostly landless agricultural workers, scavengers, gutter and latrine cleaners or tanners — occupations that are looked down upon by the orthodox upper-caste Indians.

Despite several protective measures passed over the last 40 years, the *harijans* face harassment from the traditional sources. They are upper-caste landlords who extract free labor from them; policemen who refuse to heed their complaints; and dacoits who lynch them with impunity. Typical is the attitude of one such dacoit leader, Santosha, a 25-year-old upper-caste landlord-turned-dacoit who gunned down 24 *harijans* in the village of Deuli in November. After his arrest, he was asked by journalists why he killed the *harijans* who were never known to have harmed him. His reply: "They were too uppity. They did not stand to show me respect when I passed through their village on my way to the farm."

Obviously, what is needed is a basic change in the values of the upper-caste landlords and a drastic transformation in their traditional attitude toward *harijans*. But the younger *harijans* are no longer in a mood to wait indefinitely for such a transformation. "How many *harijans* will have to be sacrificed to make the government understand our problems?" demanded a young *harijan* of Sadhpur village.

Signs of thaw in Brazil-Cuba relations

By Harold Olmos

BRASILIA, Brazil — Tentative moves have begun here and in Havana to re-establish diplomatic relations, or at least trade ties, between Brazil and Cuba. But publicly, Brazil's anti-Cuban, military-run government has given no confirmation it is interested in a change in the status quo.

Ruy Barreto, president of the Confederation of Trade Associations of Brazil, returned last month from a private visit to Cuba. He said Brazil could export from \$200 million to \$300 million worth of goods a year to that country. Barreto also said Cuban President Fidel Castro sent his best wishes to Brazilian President Joao Figueiredo and expressed "great happiness over news about Brazilian industrial development."

Castro's reported comments represented an abrupt change from the usual Cuban line on Brazil, dating back to the anti-Communist military takeover here in 1964. Brazil broke diplomatic relations with Havana following that change of government. Castro has frequently branded Brazil an

"errand boy for American imperialism."

The Brazilian government, which has political and trade relations with the Soviet Union, China, Angola, East Germany and other Communist nations, has been silent toward Castro's reported overture. A government statement said Barreto had gone to Havana on his own; and that Brazilian policy toward Cuba would not change. Before Barreto left, however, a spokesman for Barreto Trading Co., Barreto's import-export firm, said it was "obvious" that Barreto had "talked this over first" with the president.

Analysts in the Brazilian capital say that despite Brazil's self-proclaimed "responsible pragmatism" in foreign policy — which allows it to deal with nations of all political leanings — Cuba is "the limit." One specialist said Cuba provides needed "ideological nourishment" for the underlying anti-Communism of Brazil's regime.

Cuba and Brazil are the world's two biggest cane sugar growers and exporters, and industry sources here say a renewal of relations would be beneficial to Brazil economically. They say Cuba would be a natural market for Brazilian knowhow in making

distilleries for sugar-cane car alcohol and cars that run on alcohol fuel.

But former President Ernesto Geisel, a general known for his tough line on leftism, said after the recent flap over the Barreto trip that Cuba's economic importance to Brazil is "minimal."

Brazil has abstained from debate in the Organization of American States about dropping trade sanctions against Cuba. "As far as we're concerned, the reasons that led to the imposition of those sanctions are still valid," said a foreign ministry source who asked not to be identified. "Cuba has not changed its behaviour after all these years."

Nevertheless, interest in re-establishing relations with Cuba continues to pop up in various areas. The government-controlled airplane factory EMBRAER, which exports small jets and turboprop passenger planes to Third World countries and to feeder lines in Europe and the United States, said recently it would be interested in looking at the Cuban market.

But the company's president, Col. Osires Silva, said Brazilian government authorization would be necessary. — (AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Feb. 13th, the 44th day of 1982. There are 321 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1542 — England's Queen Katherine Howard is executed.

1601 — John Lancaster leads first East India Company voyage from London.

1689 — English Parliament adopts a bill of rights.

1692 — Massacre of Scottish Highlanders at Glencoe after refusal to swear allegiance to England's William III.

1782 — Turkish take St. Christopher in West Indies.

1820 — Duc de Berry, heir presumptive to French throne, is assassinated.

1821 — Austria agrees to Ferdinand IV's request to send army into Naples to suppress revolt.

1856 — Britain annexes Oudh, increasing India's hostility to British rule.

1874 — Treaty of Fommenah by which King Koffee of Ashanti, West Africa, promises free trade, open road to Humasi, and agrees to pay indemnities to Britain and stop human sacrifices.

1909 — Kiamil Pasha, grand vizier of Turkey, is forced to resign by nationalists.

1961 — The U.N. Security Council urges use of force to prevent civil war in Congo.

1975 — Turkish Cypriots proclaim separate administration in Turkish-occupied northern part of Cyprus.

1980 — Yugoslav doctors release medical bulletin sparking fears that President Josip Tito is on the brink of death.

Thought for today:

Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail — Confucius, Chinese philosopher (551 B.C. — 479 B.C.)

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Customers question U.S. shuttle economy; double-booking common

By Thomas O'Toole

WASHINGTON, (WP) — The National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans to more than double the price it charges to carry satellites and other cargo into earth orbit aboard the space shuttle in 1985 and after.

Reliable sources said the space agency will charge shuttle users as much as \$97.5 million to occupy its 65,000-pound cargo bay in 1985, \$106 million in 1986 and \$116 million in 1987, exclusive of the \$4.2 million it charges each shuttle customer as its standard user fee.

The new price schedule compares with the \$42 million it now charges customers for space in the shuttle cargo bay, a price that holds out to 1985 and which includes the \$4.2 million user fee.

Most shuttle flights will carry an average of three satellites or three different customers and the cargo bay charges will be prorated among them based on how much room they take up in the cargo bay.

The reasons given for the stiff price increase are inflation, the budget cuts that have eliminated missions and reduced the number of shuttle flights in the late eighties, unexpected increases in the cost of producing space shuttle hardware and unexpected difficulties in refurbishing and maintaining the shuttle between its first two flights.

The increased costs are primarily in the production of the solid-rocket boosters that put the shuttle into earth orbit and the light-weight fuel tank, which weighs 8,000 pounds less than the current fuel tank and which will be flown for the first time on the sixth shuttle flight next year.

The rail cost of transporting the huge solid rocket engines from the Thiokol Corp. plant

in Utah to Cape Canaveral in Florida also has skyrocketed.

At the same time, trouble with the hydraulics that steer the shuttle in powered flight, the fuel cells that provide its electricity in orbit and the tanks and pumps that feed supercold liquid oxygen and hydrogen into the shuttle fuel tanks before launch has forced manpower increases at the Kennedy Space Center.

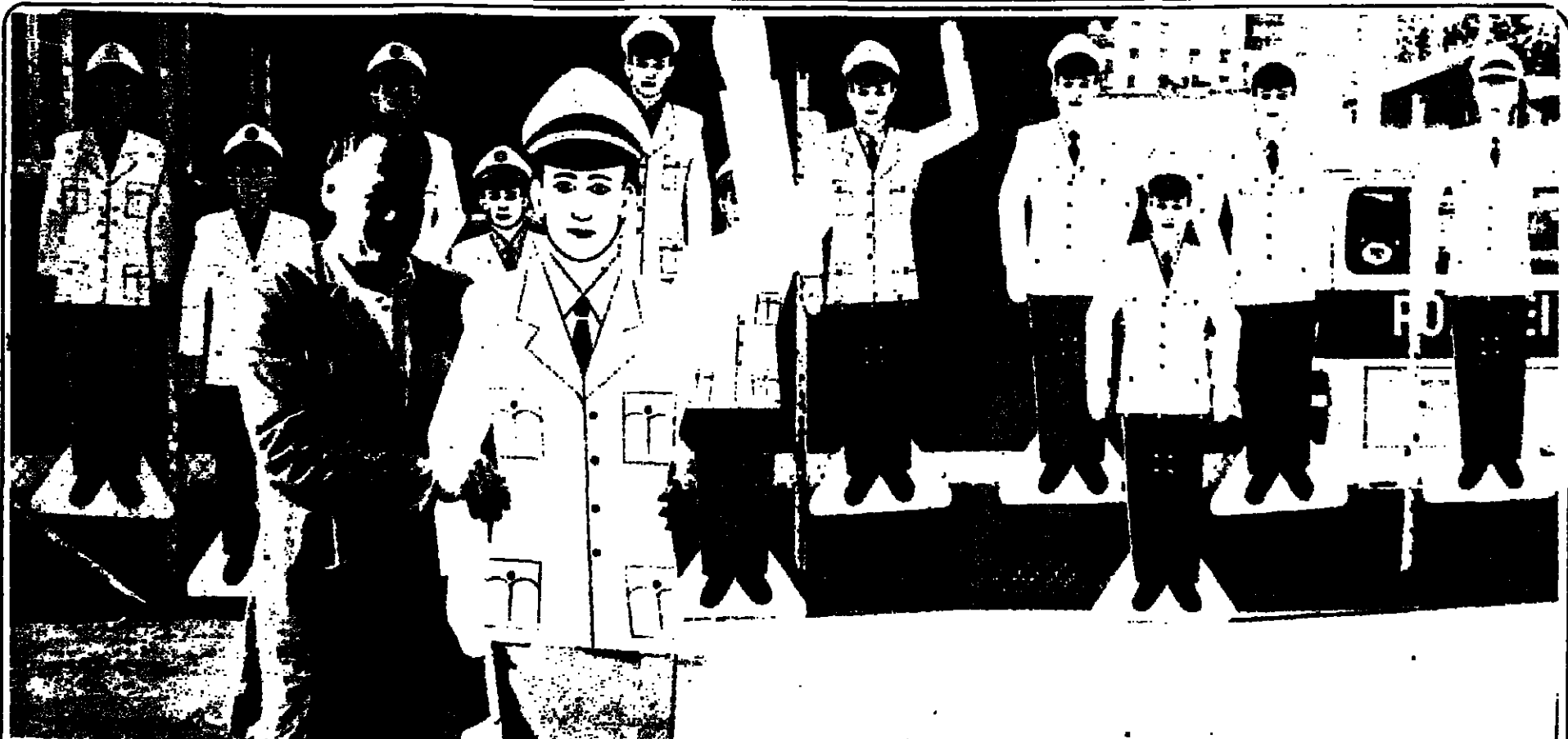
"Our cost increases have been distributed evenly between manpower and hardware," Dr. Stanley I. Weiss, associate administrator for space transportation operations, said last week. "They are both substantial."

The new shuttle pricing schedule comes when the shuttle is getting increased competition from Ariane, the European Space Agency's newly developed rocket launcher. Ariane carries far less weight into earth orbit than the shuttle and has been priced higher than the shuttle for individual satellites but is being offered to customers under more favorable financing terms than the U.S. space agency gives.

The European Space Agency has flown Ariane on four test flights and has experienced only one failure in the four flights. Ariane's first operational flight will come this April, when it carries a navigation satellite into orbit.

ESA has already planned 19 missions for Ariane, on which it will carry two satellites per mission. Most Ariane customers are communications satellites, some of them U.S. satellites that are double-booked on Ariane and the shuttle and whose owners are waiting to get the best price and launching schedule before deciding which to fly.

By 1984, ESA will have two launch pads on French Guiana, each capable of handling four Ariane launches per year.



NEW GERMAN POLICE: From a distance these wooden policemen look like the real thing and can scare a motorist or criminal into obeying the law. The robot-like figures have adjustable arms to direct or stop traffic, and if a speeding car fails to stop, the manikin will stand its ground even if it means getting run over. Such 'officers' are being used in Munich, West Germany at school crossings and other areas which require slower traffic.

Wages owed, ship limps from port to port Indian crew members stranded on a leaky freighter

By Charles T. Powers

TEMA, Ghana (LAT) — A rusty, leaking freighter, the *Joyti Vinod* out of Bombay, India, is tied alongside an oily dock here. There is a rooster aboard whose name is Jorji. He is a long way from Bangladesh, where he was hatched, and he is as miserable as all he surveys.

His mate was a timid creature of russet plumage who died months ago while the ship lay at anchor in Luanda, Angola. Malnourished, she had given up laying eggs months earlier. It has been that sort of voyage for the *Joyti Vinod*.

Jorji the rooster stood the other day in the shadow of a deck hoist, grease-smudged comb hanging rakishly over one eye, and if roosters could think, it would seem likely — as he regarded the crew — that he would consider himself a lucky bird. After all, they hadn't eaten him.

"We had no food in December," Viswanathan Girishnan, the first officer, said. "We had no food for New Year's. We have not been paid for 11 months. We are stuck here in the middle of a revolution — some coup in this country of Ghana — and still there is no money to pay and still there is no food."

The rooster issued a sympathetic-sounding cluck as from all around the first officer came eager agreement and amplification in several bubbling Indian dialects, for each of the 45 crewmen and officers aboard the *Joyti Vinod* has his personal catalogue of outrage and deprivation.

In a single chorus, however, they claim that the ship's owners, the Jal Boat Shipping Co. Ltd. of Bombay owes them \$109,125 in wages.

Crew Virtual Captives

For 11 months, they say, they have been virtual captives on the *Joyti Vinod*, reduced to eating worm-infested rice and drinking diluted sea water. The ship has no insurance,

akes on water at the rate of 15 tons an hour when it is under way, has no electricity when it is stopped, no spare parts, no tobacco, no mail, is crawling with rats and cockroaches and has been in serious trouble for nonpayment of port fees in half a dozen African harbors.

In Mauritius, it was forced to surrender 10 buses, part of a cargo of 34 destined for Ghana, in lieu of fees before it was allowed to leave. Eventually, the ship got the buses back, and eventually it got them to Ghana, where some of them still wait to be unloaded.

The wretched crew seems about ready to abandon the ship, even though the seamen have very little idea of how or when they will get home to India or receive any redress for their grievances.

Immediately In Trouble

The ship sailed from Bombay on Feb. 19, loaded with jute (rope and bags), general cargo and the 34 Indian-made tata buses for Ghana. The first port of call was the Ethiopian Red Sea port of Aseb, where, according to Naziriyi Mulla, a seaman of 22 years' experience, "we should have known we were in for trouble." The captain of the ship — the first of three commanding officers the *Joyti*

Vinod would have on the voyage — ordered the cargo for Aseb unloaded improperly.

"When we left Aseb, the ship was down 13 feet by the head," Mulla said.

"Yes," said Ferdinand Pereira, the radio officer, "the ship would not steer properly. It was very unsafe. The ship is supposed to ride level in the water or down at the stern. The bow of this ship was down 13 feet."

They waited a week in Djibouti for money to pay for fuel, then sailed for Dar Es Salaam capital of Tanzania. The ship was still down 13 feet by the head, so the harbor pilot there refused to take it into port without two tugboats, which required days to arrange.

Notorious In Every Port

It seemed a long delay at the time. But with a mere 200 tons of cargo to unload, they remained there 24 days without money for port fees. It was on to Mauritius then and a 20-day halt at Port Louis waiting for money to pay agent and bunkering charges, and a bargain was struck to leave 10 of the buses behind as a guarantee of payment. The *Joyti Vinod* sailed for the island of Reunion, unloaded and turned back to Mauritius, the ship's master hoping that the money had arrived.

Gloomy picture painted

French universities claim 1968 revolt crippled them

By Paul Webster

PARIS (LOS) — France's student revolt of 1968 set back development of the university system by 10 or 15 years, according to a report that paints a gloomy picture of the country's higher education system.

Although the revolt is still seen as a watershed in French political life, opening the way to a new liberalism, the university system itself has become stifled by taboos that are harming France as a whole.

The report, compiled by professor Laurent Schwartz, head of the mathematics center at the Ecole Polytechnique, will be published soon as part of a global Socialist government investigation into the past 20 years of French life.

In an advance outline of his findings, the professor says he will make recommendations that could cut across Socialist principles as well as demanding a break-up of the centralized system for granting diplomas. That would reinforce the autonomy of the 90 French universities, which are at present restricted on what they can teach and what degrees they can award.

The 300-page document concentrates on the lack of selection among students, the result of demands for democracy dating from 1968. The professor also wants fees introduced to make students aware that "free education" has to be paid by someone.

The outline report follows six months of research, including more than 100 interviews with university professors, student leaders, trade unionists and politicians which, he says,

confirm a general disillusionment with the usefulness of degrees in the aftermath of the 1968 reforms.

"It was generally agreed that the university system was extremely ill," he says. "Some people felt it was dying or already dead."

Much of the concern centers on the rapid build-up of the student population and the ease of university entry, which depends only on success in the *baccalaureat* — a high school diploma. There is no entry examination. As a result of demands for university education for all in 1968, the student population has risen from about 460,000 to about 860,000 today, four times more than any comparable European country.

The worst effect, according to professor Schwartz, has been to stop all progressive thinking inside universities. They are thus failing to adapt learning to the demands of a modern industrialized community.

"All of these ideas became taboo," he says. "It is a tragic story. We had just begun to talk timidly of principles already accepted in foreign universities and of guiding the student — I prefer the word guiding to selection."

"We are only just getting back to this sort of discussion but we have lost 10 to 15 years. The effect will be felt on French research for at least a decade."

French universities operate in a vacuum without any "feedback," unlike those of America, Japan and West Germany, he says, comparing the system here to Britain and the Soviet Union, which also "lack productive links with industry and research."

Vessel Held In Port

Port Louis harbor authorities then "arrested" the vessel for non-payment of \$120,000 in fees. With no pay and no evidence that pay was being sent to their families in India, the crew decided to strike and appealed to the Indian high commissioner in Mauritius. He teleaxed the company and received assurance that money was on the way. An Indian diplomat advised the seamen to end the strike but told them to make sure, before the *Joyti Vinod* left port, that it carried food, fuel and water enough to last three months.

It took three months and 20 days for accounts to be settled in Mauritius. After the crew received token payment, the ship left for the voyage around the Cape of Good Hope to Luanda, Angola. But it turned out the supplies were enough for one month, not three.

The *Joyti Vinod* was in Luanda Harbor, to unload 2,200 tons of jute, for four months. The crew drank muddy river water and got sick. There was no money for the crew, no money for the ship and no money for food.

An Unhospitable Port

Some of the crew would have left then, but Marxist Angola is not a hospitable place these days. The crew sent a delegation to the foreign ministry, but the reception was cold. Once, a group of Angolan soldiers carrying submachine guns boarded the ship and looked around; the crew took it as a warning not to make trouble.

Then the rooster Jorji's consort, the russet-colored hen, died — a bad omen. On Nov. 27, the captain posted a message for the crew.

"As you know," he wrote, "this ship has a bad habit of staying in port after discharging the cargo, which is invariably the owners' fault. The situation in this port is just the same and the owners have not paid any bills and the ship chandler has refused (to provide) any other supplies."

On Dec. 10, the crew answered. "At present we are still passing through even worse circumstances," they wrote. "The problem has already gone out of the limit, and our strength of endurance has been used up and we are not willing to continue any further under such terrible and painful conditions."

"So please note that we have all together decided that we must be repatriated to India from the next port of Tema, Ghana. If you have failed to do so, then we are all together ready to abandon the ship...thanking you, yours faithfully, crew members." Their signatures followed, in three cramped rows at the bottom of the typewritten page.

The *Joyti Vinod* arrived in Tema Dec. 23. Since then, as usual, there has been no pay. There seems to be no money to get the ship out of harbor or to buy food. A chicken, in the Ghanaian economy, costs \$50.

A coup toppled Ghana's civilian government on New Year's eve and the country is still in a confused state. Communications are especially difficult.

Peter Nazareth, the Indian high commissioner in Ghana, seems embarrassed by the *Joyti Vinod* situation. He has said the Indian community in Accra, Ghana's capital, "has rallied" to send food to the stricken crew, but the seamen say that none of this support has arrived.

Mazareth has also spoken to the crew about repatriation, about placing them, a few at a time on Air India planes bound for Bombay. However, the details of this arrangement remain vague and the crew is skeptical. They have even broached the idea of trying to sell the ship, but that does not seem a legal possibility.

When the high commissioner visited the ship the other day, he brought 60 eggs with him. From the rail of the ship, Girishnan, the first officer, looked down at the diplomat's black Mercedes parked on the dock. The 60 eggs could be seen through the window.

"Sixty eggs," he said. "He seems not to understand there are 45 men on this ship. What does he think we can do with 60 eggs?" Most of the crew followed Girishnan, their spokesman, to the rail. They stood there, mostly skinny, dark faces with white stubble on the faces of the old ones. They, too, looked down at the eggs in the shiny black car.

As is his habit, Jorji the rooster followed the crewmen, perched atop some machinery. He fluffed his wings and dropped to the deck. Girishnan turned at the flutter of the grimy chicken.

"Dear Jorji," he said. "You know we could never eat him, no matter how hungry we got. It would have brought us bad luck."



AN INCREDIBLE SIGHT: No, this creature has not just arrived from another planet. This rare, two-toed tree sloth is a native of parts of South America. This one is seen 'loafing' at its new home, the Los Angeles, California zoo.

New Italian archeological discoveries promise to increase tourism in Naples

By Michael Sheridan

HERCULANEUM, Italy, (R) — The winter sun shines down on 16 victims of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, exposed to the bright blue skies of the Bay of Naples for the first time in 1,700 years. They were ordinary townspeople in the small Roman settlement of Herculaneum who drew their last breath from the poisoned air in A.D. 79, as the brooding volcano dominating the bay blew asunder and streams of mud and lava engulfed them.

Archaeologists working in the ruins of Herculaneum, nestling today amid the tower blocks of its modern counterpart, a suburb of Naples, found their perfectly preserved skeletons and that of a horse in a wall of mud recently.

The first 12 lay under a collapsed arch, five adults and seven children or adolescents, who fell as they tried to reach the boats that took most of the town's population to safety. Four others, and the horse, were found nearby. As the skies darkened with noxious gases and ash and lava rained down that day, Herculaneum and its larger neighbor, Pompei, disappeared for almost 1,700 years.

Now thousands of tourists roam among the baths, villas and marketplaces each year and hundreds of miles of color film record the unique glimpse of Roman life the excavated ruins of the cities afford.

The 16 casualties could make an important contribution in death to their descendants.

The discovery has excited archeologists and even brought Italy's minister for culture, Vincenzo Scotti, here to see the display and look over the area.

For Pompei and Herculaneum bring sorely needed revenues to this turbulent corner of Italy, where the top gap between rich and poor yawns almost as wide as it did in imperial times.

And in an area prone to natural disasters, the latest, a devastating earthquake in 1980, came close to finishing the job begun by Vesuvius centuries before.

Delicate parts of the ruins were affected and the resulting publicity, together with ferocious political and gang violence in the region, has frightened off many money-spenders.

Whole areas of Pompei were closed to the

public. Many have not reopened, their cobblestoned streets receding once more under weeds and wild-growing vegetation.

The frescoes of the "Lupanare," one of Pompei's many attractions are hidden behind locked doors as the building is unsafe.

The two cities differ in their treasures. Pompei, buried by ash and rubble, is much the worse preserved but offers a vista of the ruins of an entire walled city spread beneath the vines or the low slopes of Vesuvius.

Herculaneum, by contrast, is small but in parts perfectly intact, since it was covered in a protective barrier of lava — the means by which the skeletons were fully conserved.

Scotti appears determined to end official neglect and starvation of funds from the sites.

"This heritage is a great treasure of which I think we're not adequately aware," he said. "Just think — Italy spends less than 0.3 per-

cent of its resources on conserving it and even that is difficult because of bureaucratic machinations."

At an ultramodern research center, the 16 skeletons will move into the 20th century. The information they yield to scientists will be computerized as part of a data bank on every artifact, fresco and find in the region.

The Italian army has 26 specialists working on the project.

Culture Minister Scotti has outlined a three-point plan for the ancient heritage. First, a complete analysis of the treasures is to be built up. Then he advocates a "policy of conservation" to provide regular — not spasmodic — aid for work and, finally, research centers are to be established.

It has all been said before, of course, but local academics and newspapers have warned to an initiative that could properly exploit the attractions of the area.

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WRITTEN & DRAWN BY BILL CALDWELL

Draft treaty offered to Soviets

U.S. briefs allies on arms talks

BRUSSELS, Feb. 12 (Agencies) — The United States briefed its Atlantic Alliance partners here Friday on U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms reduction talks in Geneva, still continuing despite the chill in East-West relations caused by the Polish crisis. The director of the U.S. State Department's political and military bureau, Richard Burt, chaired a meeting of NATO's Special Consultative Group (SCG) which was expected to review progress so far and discuss tactics for the future.

U.S. officials have kept other North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries in touch with the negotiations at various meetings at NATO headquarters here. But Friday's briefing was the first meeting of the SCG itself, which specifically deals with arms reduction issues, since the Geneva talks began on Nov. 30. The West European countries attach great importance to the Geneva talks, which they hope could remove the need for new NATO nuclear missiles in Europe.

Neither side has significantly altered its public position since the start of talks, but both have spoken up in recent days in renewed efforts to portray themselves as flexible and to depict the other side as intransigent.

"The negotiations are still in their very

early stages," said one Western diplomat in Moscow, who cautioned against expecting significant progress soon. "There's still a lot of posturing going on."

Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev told a group of visiting Europeans last week that his country would support a two-thirds reduction in medium-range weapons aimed at Europe, and accused the United States of showing "obvious reluctance... to look for a basis for a mutually acceptable agreement." Then on Tuesday, the Soviet news agency Tass offered a six-point plan that was even more specific, saying both sides should reduce medium-range nuclear weapons to 600 each by 1985 and to 300 apiece by 1990.

The U.S. government, meanwhile, disclosed that it had submitted a draft arms treaty to the Kremlin even before the Soviet leader went public with his plan on Feb. 3. A White House spokesman said Washington's draft treaty was offered to Moscow "in order to move the negotiations forward as rapidly as possible."

According to Western experts in Moscow, Brezhnev's proposal and the subsequent refinement of it by Tass offered little new in substance from earlier Soviet proposals found to be unacceptable by Washington.

On case to case basis

Sweden offers arms to India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 12 (AFP) — Swedish Prime Minister Thorbjörn Faellidn has said his government was ready to sell arms to India on a case to case basis. "We are ready to sell weapons and ammunition to India but we would prefer to review case by case," Faellidn told a press conference at the end of formal talks with Indian leaders.

Faellidn found nothing wrong in India's reported policy of diversifying its arms purchase market and said it was in line with the policies followed by many other countries. He denied that Indian leaders made any specific request for Swedish arms at the talks, but admitted that his country sold unspecified weapons and ammunition to India in 1980-81.

Informed sources said India was keen to acquire various types of weapons and ammunition from Sweden to supplement and diversify its arms purchase market. Faellidn pledged increased Swedish economic and development aid support to India and said he considered Swedish-Indian relations very important.

In a prepared statement, Faellidn said he had wide-ranging discussions with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi with particular emphasis on the North-South dialogue, global energy problems, food and agriculture.

"We also talked about developments in the

immediate neighborhoods of our two countries," he said implying that the Afghanistan question and United States arming of Pakistan figured during the talks. He said he also had "in-depth" discussions on bilateral issues and reviewed the prospects of increased Swedish aid to India.

"We have excellent prospects for very good relations with India and I am happy to announce that Mrs. Gandhi has agreed to visit Sweden in the near future," he said. He said he did not discuss the prospect of nuclear cooperation with India.

Meanwhile, Indian and Swedish industrialists Thursday identified a number of products for expansion of export and import trade between the two countries. These were agreed upon at a meeting of the 21-member Swedish delegation led with representatives of the Indian Chamber of Commerce. India has asked for the transfer of special steel technology from Sweden, the technology which results in direct reduction of oxides for the manufacture of steel. This could help the several mini-steel plants in the country whose annual production is now around three million tons.

Faellidn, who arrived here Wednesday on a week-long visit, is scheduled to leave for a tour to rural India and will visit the cities of Madras, Bangalore, Pune and Bombay.

"They like to dangle out a lot of things," one Western expert said of the Russians' trumpeting of Brezhnev's proposal. "They like to talk positively."

Similarly, a Western diplomat acknowledged that the draft treaty submitted by the United States, which the White House spokesman hailed, merely "formalized" the zero-option proposal that U.S. President Ronald Reagan submitted in mid-November and which the Soviets rejected then as a "propagandistic trick."

The heart of the two countries' public disagreement, now as before the start of the talks, is whether there is a strategic balance in Europe, as the Soviets claim, or whether the Soviet Union enjoys a large advantage, as the United States claims.

Reagan's so-called "zero option" is that the United States will cancel plans in 1983 to deploy 572 Pershing 2 and ground-launched Cruise missiles in Western Europe if the Soviets dismantle their SS-series missiles, including some 250 SS-20s, the most advanced missiles in the group. The Russians have said this plan will result in their unilateral disarmament since the West can launch nuclear missiles at the Soviet Union from submarines stationed in waters off Europe.

The Soviets, on the other hand, have called for a moratorium on the stationing of nuclear arms in Europe and have offered to withdraw some of their missiles already in place as a gesture to the West. The United States claims a partial cut by the Soviets, accompanied by a moratorium on the placing of new U.S. missiles in Western Europe, will make permanent the advantage that the Soviets now enjoy and increase Soviet pressure on Western Europe.

If the talks don't succeed, the perception in Western Europe of who negotiated reasonably could play a critical role in determining whether or not the Western European countries accept the U.S. missiles. That the two sides are at odds publicly does not necessarily mean that the negotiations are going poorly or will not succeed, diplomats say.

Observers note that the attempted manipulation of public opinion during negotiations is an accepted tactic designed to exert greater pressure on the other side to compromise. Even before the negotiations began, Western diplomats predicted that the first several months would be spent defining the terms to be negotiated. The apparent slow going was not unexpected, then, even though a senior Western diplomat here said prior to the talks that Soviet officials at the highest levels of government had privately expressed "great interest" in Reagan's proposals and optimism that the talks might succeed.

Finally, that the talks have even continued despite the fallout between the two countries over the declaration of martial law in Poland might also be read as a sign that both sides are determined to see them through to the end.



BELGIAN DEMONSTRATION: One state policeman, thrown from his horse, land on a car during charge by police against stone-throwing workers in Brussels Thursday. Sixteen policemen were injured during the demonstration.

FBI probing Reagan house bid

PALM SPRINGS, California, Feb. 12 (AP) — The FBI has said it is investigating an unsuccessful bid to buy U.S. President Ronald Reagan's former home by a group whose leader once served a prison term for grand theft.

The attempted purchase by the Zoller group fell through in mid-January after Reagan's Los Angeles attorney, Roy D. Miller, found out there were two sets of escrow instructions, each appeared to bear Miller's signature as the Reagan's representative, but each contained a different price for the home, officials said. Federal and state laws make it illegal to forge documents or to knowingly submit false papers to a financial institution.

FBI spokesman John Hoos said the investigation is "based on a request from the U.S. attorney's office," and concerned possible violations of the bank fraud embezzlement statute. "Once our investigation is complete, we will present the fact to the U.S. attorney's office for a decision," Hoos added.

The Zoller group was headed by William C. Ogles, 53, of Palm Desert, convicted in 1976 of grand theft in San Diego in connection with the purchase of a sailboat, according to authorities in San Diego. He served about 1½ years in prison.

Reagan put his Pacific Palisades home of 25 years on the market for \$1.9 million after his election to the presidency. The Zoller group had offered to buy the house for \$430,000 in cash and American Telephone and Telegraph Co. bonds worth \$600,000 now but \$1.47 million upon maturity.

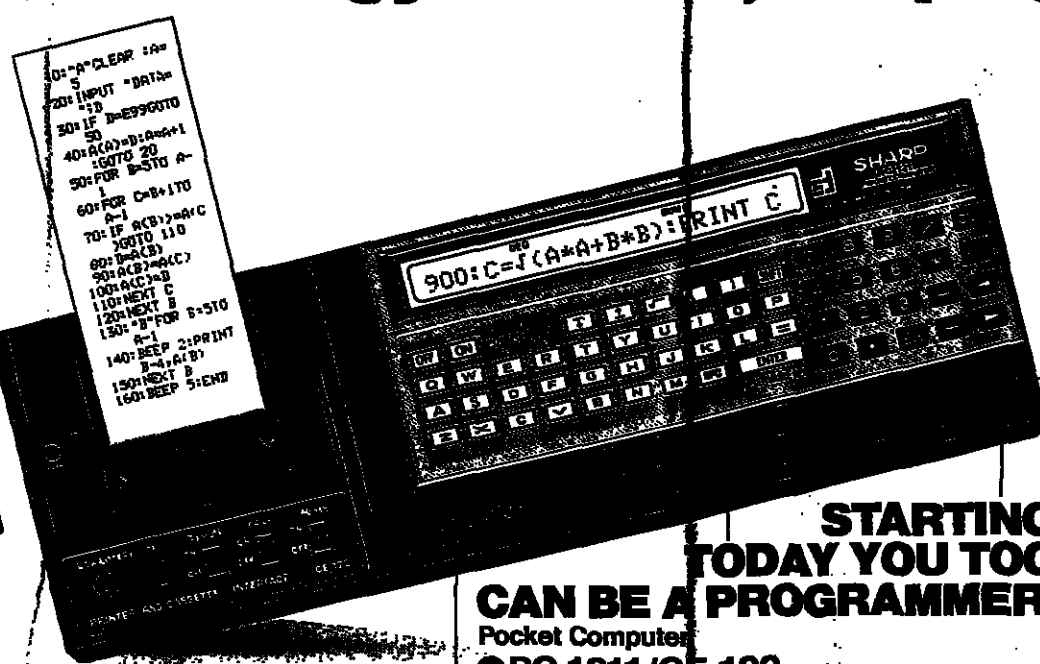
Miller said he had signed escrow instructions listing the value of the sale at \$1.03 million — the \$430,000 cash plus the current value of the bonds. But an official at Valley First Federal Savings and Loan in Palm Desert, which the Zoller group had approached to obtain financing for the sale, said he was given escrow instructions, also apparently signed by Miller, listing the sale at \$1.9 million.

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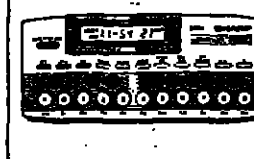
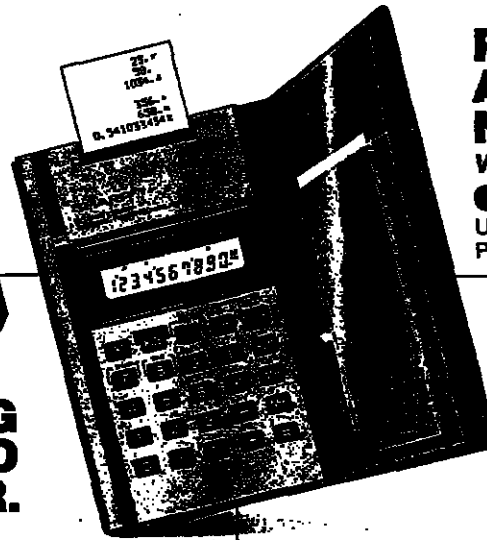
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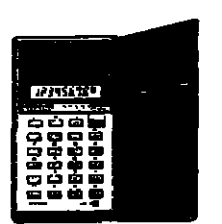
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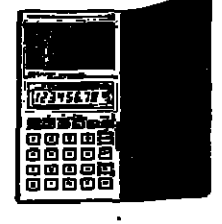
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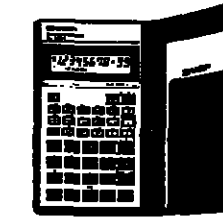
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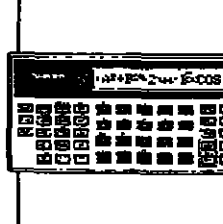
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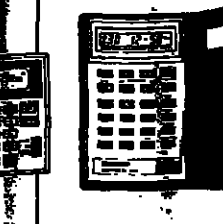
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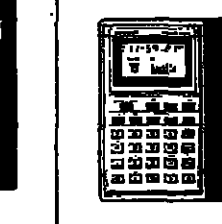
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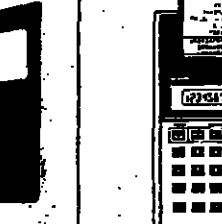
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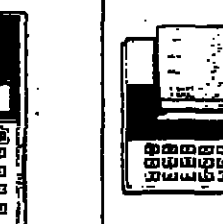
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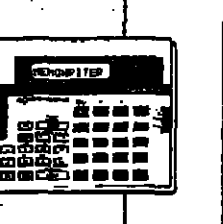
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Reaction awaited

Jakarta warns Soviets against spying activity

JAKARTA, Feb. 12 (AFP) — Despite its strong warning to Moscow over the recent smashing of a Soviet spy ring in this country, the Indonesian government has indicated that the incident should not affect bilateral diplomatic ties. Vice President Adam Malik Thursday discussed the affair with President Suharto and announced afterward that the president held the view that any espionage activities should not be tolerated.

Malik said the smashing of the Soviet spy ring, which led to the expulsion of Soviet assistant military attaché here, Lt. Col. Sergei Egorov and to the arrests of Alexander Fimenko, head of the Jakarta branch of the Soviet airline Aeroflot, and an Indonesian military officer, Lt. Col. Sudaryanto, was a "blessing in disguise." He added that the case should serve as a warning to other countries not to interfere in Indonesia's internal problems, Malik said.

But analysts here said Jakarta appeared determined to carry on business as usual with Moscow. "Do not mix things up. I think our diplomatic relations will proceed as ever," said Malik.

Analysts said the Indonesian government would maintain silence over the affair and await any reaction from Moscow which has remained tight-lipped since Col. Egorov's deportation last Saturday. Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja however said that Moscow would be held responsible should the incident affect bilateral diplomatic ties.

Jakarta appears to be well prepared to face any Soviet retaliation. The Indonesian military attaché in Moscow, Col. Sudarmadi, has

been summoned home while the other 24 Indonesian diplomats there have been alerted. Diplomatic circles are however wondering why the Indonesian government apparently authorized anti-Soviet demonstrations sponsored by the Indonesian Youth National Committee (KNPI), which is affiliated to the ruling Golkar alliance, here and in Medan earlier this week.

The Soviet Embassy here meanwhile rejected the spying charges levelled against Col. Egorov. Embassy counsellor Anatoly Khmelinski even reportedly accused several local newspapers of being tools of U.S. propaganda. "The local press was not deceived however. We are prepared to face the worst if the Soviets continue such unfriendly activities," newspapers said.

Indonesian authorities made it clear that Fimenko and the Indonesian officer could appear in court to face subversion charges and leading Jakarta lawyer Adnan Beyung Nasution said they might face the death penalty if found guilty. The alleged involvement of the Indonesian officer in the spying is being treated as a separate case, with several members of parliament charging that the Indonesian armed forces have been stabbed in the back.

National security chief Adm. Supomo said the officer's case was being investigated to find out whether any other members of the Indonesian military were involved in spying for the Soviets. Unconfirmed reports said that 12 navy and army officers were being questioned in connection with the case.

China to host Cambodian summit

BANGKOK, Feb. 12 (AFP) — China has agreed to host a proposed summit of three Cambodian resistance groups trying to form an anti-Vietnamese coalition, the Thai Foreign Ministry announced Friday.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Jetr Sucharitkul said Chinese Ambassador Shen Ping conveyed the positive reply Thursday to Thailand's suggestion that a tripartite meeting be held in Peking. The meeting might take place by the end of this month. The summit would bring together Khmer Rouge Premier Khieu Samphan, former head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk and his one-time Premier Son Sann who agreed, during a meeting in Singapore last September, on a "desire" to form an anti-Vietnamese coalition.

Jetr welcomed China's willingness to play host as "a step forward" in efforts to form a tripartite coalition, the success of which is seen as crucial to a political solution to the Cambodian problem.

Sihanouk is already in the Chinese capital and Son Sann, leading the non-Communist Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), will be there within the next few days as guest of the Chinese government, sources close to the KPNLF said.

Khieu Samphan is yet to respond formally to the summit proposal initiated by Sihanouk. But Jetr said he thought the response would be positive now that China had agreed to play the host.

BRIEFS

MOSCOW (AFP) — Soviet Ambassador to Japan Dimitri Polianski has been dismissed from the post and called to "other functions," the president of the Supreme Soviet announced in a communiqué Thursday. Polianski will be replaced as ambassador to Tokyo by current Soviet Ambassador to Hungary Vekmir Pavlov.

ROME (AP) — Police have cracked a vast international drug traffic organization, arresting 16 members in several Italian cities, police announced Thursday. Police said the organization had links to groups in the United States and several countries in Asia and Latin America.

LISBON (AFP) — Public transport was disrupted Friday during a one-day general strike called by the pro-Communist CGTP Union, Portugal's largest, designed to bring down the two-year-old government. The government said that this "political strike" was a failure and that the situation was normal throughout the country. Nevertheless, there were no subway services or trains running in Lisbon and its suburbs.

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) — Malaysian Prime Minister Mahatir Muhammad conferred here Friday with his North Korean counterpart, Ri Jong-Ok. The two met privately for half an hour before the delegations joined the talks; a government spokesman said. Spokesman Zakaria Ali, the secretary-general of the foreign ministry, told reporters that the two sides had agreed to schedule further meetings Monday to discuss specific areas of cooperation such as trade, postal services and foreign affairs.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Le Majors disputed Thursday testimony by his wife, actress Farrah Fawcett, in a superior court trial over property settlement in their divorce proceeding. "Sounds like a good scene for a movie," Majors testified in court in response to his wife's claim Wednesday that a \$2.5 million Hollywood Hills house was in Majors' name but it belonged to both of them. The house ownership was only in Majors' name.

Pilots blamed for JAL crash

TOKYO, Feb. 12 (AFP) — Pilot errors loomed as the main cause of Tuesday's crash of a Japan Air Lines DC-8 off Tokyo's Haneda Airport as an official investigation of the accident concluded Friday.

Government investigators said a check of the engine's pressure gauges in the pilot's cabin indicated that the pilot may have cut back the engine output too far before landing. The JAL DC-8 knocked down several approach lights and plunged into Tokyo Bay 300 meters short of a runway, killing 24 persons on board and injuring 150 others, 78 of them seriously. It was the first major civil air accident in Japan in a decade.

The investigators said voice recorders aboard the jet had picked up a loud sound and unintelligible voices in the cockpit seconds before the accident. A thorough scientific check on the tape is to be conducted later in the hope of determining the cause of the crash.

Meanwhile, Capt. Seiji Katagiri, 35, the seriously injured pilot of the plane, was questioned for nearly an hour. But police said he was unable to give clear answers as he apparently did not remember details of the crash because of shock. Police plan to question him further after his condition improves, the investigators noted.

Copilot Yoshifumi Ishikawa, 33, told police that the pilot switched from auto pilot to manual operation when the plane descended to an altitude of 180 meters.

At the crash site, efforts to remove the wreckage of the JAL jet were suspended again as large crane boats were unable to approach the fuselage due to low tide. The fuselage was cut into three parts to facilitate the removal operation.

The delayed operation caused cancellation of 90 flights, about 30 percent of flights scheduled for Friday inconveniencing an estimated 10,000 persons.

Later in the day, aviation experts close to the investigation said there were indications that the captain may have reversed the engine thrust while still in flight, causing the aircraft to stall.

They said one of the four engines of the crashed aircraft, still lying in the shallow waters of Tokyo Bay, was found to be in reverse position and that one of the four throttle levers in the cockpit was in the reverse position. The engine thrust is normally reversed to act as a brake only after a plane lands on a runway, they said.

Kreisky's illness worries Socialists

VIENNA, Feb. 12 (R) — The future of Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, and possibly of Austrian politics, may hang on a medical bulletin to be published in two months time.

The bulletin will determine whether Dr. Kreisky, West Europe's longest-serving government leader and a man who has dominated Austrian politics for more than a decade, can stand for reelection. The 71-year-old chancellor, who has not been fully fit for almost two years, said last month he would lead his Socialist Party (SPOE) into the next general elections in May 1983, only if he was fit enough to commit himself for another full four-year term.

Kreisky dismissed speculation that the Socialists, who have enjoyed an overall majority since 1970, would try to bring forward the elections to enable him to lead them to victory and then bow out of politics. "My personal conviction is that I have to be completely fit to carry on. I don't do things by halves. If I can't do it then it is better if someone else takes my place," he told the tabloid newspaper *Kronenzeitung*.

But his departure would leave a huge gap that worries the Socialists, and indeed most Austrians for whom he has grown into something of a father-figure. With no single obvious candidate at hand, the SPOE is generally expected to institute a triumvirate of top party officials should Kreisky quit. Under this plan, Vice-Chancellor Fred Sinowatz would head the government, SPOE Secretary Karl Blecha the party and Heinz Fischer would continue to represent party interests in parliament.

The party's worries began in 1980 when the chancellor, hitherto vigorous and apparently tireless, suffered his first serious health problem, a mysterious eye ailment. Two operations in the United States brought no tangible improvement. Instead, the chancellor has suffered from various other ailments.

Responding to increasing rumors about his ailments, he dropped a ban on confidentiality over his health, allowing his doctors to discuss his condition and promising a detailed medical bulletin in April. "Then everyone can judge for themselves," he said.

His doctor, Professor Anton Neumayr, said last month he had no indication that the chancellor was planning to withdraw. "If you ask me, he can carry on," he told the newspaper *Die Presse*. He admitted that, because of high blood pressure, Kreisky had trouble with his kidneys. Austrian press reports

Triumvirate likely



Dr. Bruno Kreisky

meanwhile speak of a heart problem which they say is behind the other ailments.

The question mark over his health has done little to diminish Kreisky's popularity among Austrians, who in an opinion poll last year voted him the nation's favorite politician. Nor have personal setbacks affected his prestige, based on a combination of relative

political and economic stability at home and his intense pursuit of "active neutrality" in the world at large, where he has made countless diplomatic forays.

Kreisky survived his first major political crisis in 1978 when Austrians rejected his nuclear program in a national referendum after he had staked his political future on a yes vote.

The myth of his infallibility was badly shaken in 1980 by open dissension in his party over a battle to oust his glamorous young heir apparent, Hannes Androsch. Androsch, a former vice-chancellor and finance minister and now head of Austria's largest bank, is said to be waiting for the post-Kreisky era before thinking of a political comeback.

Kreisky was the first Western leader to receive PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and recognize a PLO representative.

Ignoring threats to his life and calls by press and opposition to give up his support for the PLO, Kreisky pledged to continue to seek a Middle East settlement.

The chancellor, recently recovered from a viral infection, told a West German newspaper: "Today the political realities don't allow a man with relatively long experience simply to retire." Then apparently unperturbed by all concern about his health, security threats and opposition attacks, he returned to the political scene for a cabinet meeting, brushing away all anxious inquiries with his usual gruff Viennese wit: "I am well, otherwise I wouldn't be here."

Defects found in American N-plant

ROCHESTER, New York, Feb. 12 (AP) — Serious new defects in a steam generator at the shut-down Ginna nuclear power plant were discovered shortly after the Nuclear Regulatory Commission rejected a bid to reopen the plant, utility officials said Thursday.

The defective water tubes, which showed up in the steam generator that failed during last month's accident at the plant, were found by cameras Wednesday night and Thursday, Rochester Gas and Electric Corp. officials said. "The pictures are very dramatic," spokesman John Maier said Thursday night. "It looks like somebody went in with a hacksaw. Some of the tubes show severe denting and external degradation."

He said he didn't know what caused the damage, but indicated he mentioned a hack-

saw only to provide a graphic description of the state of the tubes, not to imply that a hacksaw has done the damage. The damage was found only in tubes that had been plugged and were no longer in use. But one tube was severed and a piece of it was missing. Maier said. It is possible the piece is loose in the steam generator, posing a damage threat to one or more of the generator's 3,259 other tubes, he said.

The plant shut down Jan. 25 after a tube ruptured, causing radioactive steam to escape briefly from a vent. The reactor core was flooded with water and some of the water overflowed into a reactor pump.

In a three-hour meeting Wednesday, utility officials repeatedly assured NRC staff members the plant was safe to reopen.



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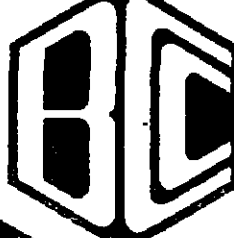
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To counter U.S. high levels

French interest rates plummet to new low

PARIS, Feb. 12 (R) — French interest rates fell to their lowest levels since last May, reflecting the government's desire for lower loan charges to boost economic recovery.

Money dealers regarded the lowering of both of France's key money market rates as consistent with similar moves by other West European nations, who have complained that high U.S. levels are hindering recovery from the world recession.

Call money, which is fixed each day for short-term loans between banks, fell for the third successive day to reach 14.5 percent, compared with the record 20 percent reached last May. The Bank of France later cut its money market intervention rate for lending to commercial banks to 14.25 percent from 14.75 percent. This rate had not been changed since Dec. 30.

The cuts follow comments earlier this week by Finance Minister Jacques Delors who said that he could not accept high U.S. interest

rates becoming the only obstacle to developing the French economy. He said France would have to act alone to reduce rates if joint action could not be agreed and dealers said the government was now acting on this strategy.

They added that French banks were soon likely to cut their base rates, the level used to calculate how much they charge customers for loans. Some dealers said a cut, from the current 14 percent, could be delayed until after the government's nationalization of banks takes effect, probably within the next two weeks, and new chairmen are appointed.

Meanwhile, Britain's Barclays Bank predicted in its latest international financial survey that the dollar would weaken this year as the mark, Swiss franc and yen gather pace. It said U.S. interest rates might provide support for the dollar in the short term, but other factors pointed overwhelmingly to a weakening.

Comecon aid not enough, Poles say

VIENNA, Feb. 12 (AP) — Even maximum efforts to be made by other Communist countries in assisting Poland "will not meet our needs," Warsaw radio has reported.

It said in a month's time, the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (Comecon), the Soviet-Bloc Trading Alliance, was scheduled to work out a new plan of bilateral and all-Comecon economic relations with Poland. No details were revealed.

According to the broadcast monitored in Vienna Thursday Poland, in talks with its Eastern allies, is seeking to ensure full utilization of its production capacities and completion of unfinished investment projects.

Many investment projects have been halted and factories have been working at a much reduced pace or shut down altogether for lack of raw materials, spare parts or orders from abroad. The radio report said Poland's complicated economic situation was also adversely affecting the economics of other Comecon countries.

It said this was precisely why they would help Poland in their own interest and for ideological reasons. The broadcast blamed

50% drop seen in Brazil's coffee crop

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP) — Brazil's 1982-83 frost-damaged coffee harvest is estimated at 16 million to 18 million bags, compared to 32.5 million from the 1981-82 crop, the U.S. Agriculture Department has said.

The department's foreign agricultural service said Thursday the latest estimate was based on "an extensive field survey by the U.S. Agricultural Officer in Rio de Janeiro" in Brazil's main coffee areas in the states of Parana, Sao Paulo and Minas Gerais.

In a preliminary report last Nov. 15, the agency said a Brazilian output of 16 million bags was likely in 1982-83. The reduction is

expected mainly because of severe frosts last July. The latest survey was made in January "after the flowering and fruit-set stage" of development for the 1982-83 crop, the report said.

"The overall condition of coffee trees in the major producing states indicates satisfactory recovery as a result of the generally favorable weather conditions in recent months," it said. "However, trees damaged by last July's frost have lost their capacity to hold and develop a normal volume of coffee cherries to varying degrees. As a result, these trees may still lose some of their new cherries."

U.S. to give extra \$115m aid to Turkey

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (R) — The U.S. administration will ask Congress for a further \$115 million in military and economic aid for Turkey next year, State Department officials said.

The additional money, divided equally between military and economic assistance, would bring the total for the 1983 fiscal year to \$815 million making Turkey the greatest recipient of U.S. aid after Israel and Egypt.

Aid for Turkey this year totals \$400 million in military sales credits and \$300 million in economic support funds. The aid increase reflects the U.S. view of Turkey as a pillar of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) southern flank, especially now that the Greek Socialist government of Andreas Papandreu is pursuing an independent line within the alliance.

U.S.-Turkish ties were strengthened last December with the announcement that the two countries were setting up a high-level joint defense group to improve defense cooperation, although other members of NATO have been critical of Ankara's military rule, imposed in September 1980.

Turkish Head of State Kenan Evren announced target dates for a return to parliamentary rule last December in a move warmly welcomed by the State Department as a reaffirmation of democratic values.

In its annual report on human rights issued last weekend, the State Department noted that since martial law there had been a 90 percent decline in politically-motivated killings. "By ending terrorism as a major element in ordinary life in Turkey, the Evren government brought about a substantial improvement in one aspect of human rights conditions," the report said.

Senator flays bid to take over UPI

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP) — A senator who oversees spending for public broadcasting questioned the advisability of a proposal for National Public Radio to take over United Press International.

Senator Warren Rudman, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on labor and health, Education and Welfare, said he saw "serious dangers" in the proposal, which has been the subject of negotiations.

"It might look good on paper, but if there are substantial losses, it could cause some problems," Rudman, a new Hampshire republican, told officials of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Edward J. Pfister, president of the corporation, told Rudman he is not involved in the negotiations but is "not very positive or optimistic" about their outcome. An aide to Frank Mankiewicz, president of National Public Radio, said the negotiations involving the financially troubled news service are expected to be discussed at a board meeting in Dallas Feb. 22.

Central banks hold 40,000 tons

It's much ado about nothing over gold

ROME, Feb. 12 (R) — Central banks wondering what to do with all the gold in their vaults have been told by an American banker that the best thing to do would be nothing at all.

The central banks already hold almost half the world's refined gold in their vaults and are likely to buy more. But at a recent conference here, bankers and economists said they don't know how to use the gold to fight inflation and restore faith in money.

A U.S. Congressional commission, now studying the role of gold in the monetary system, is examining whether the dollar can be linked to gold again to preserve the value of money.

But there was a consensus at last week's conference that it couldn't, and Henry Wallich, a governor of the Federal Reserve Board, the U.S. central bank, said the best thing central banks could do with gold was nothing.

"As of now, I think we should do nothing," Wallich said. "We should not sell it, we should not revalue it, we should not act in the market."

Some economists blame chronic worldwide inflation on the printing of paper money not backed by gold. In 1933, President Roosevelt abandoned the gold standard which required that the government hold an amount of gold equal in value to the amount of dollars in circulation.

The last tie between the dollar and gold was severed in 1971 when President Nixon said foreign holders of dollars could no longer redeem them for gold. Despite heavy sales by the United States and International

Monetary Fund in the late 1970s, monetary authorities probably own more than 40,000 tons of the world's estimated 100,000-ton gold stock, Paul Jeanty, managing director of the London bullion house Samuel Montagu, told the conference.

In 1980, central bankers added 230 tons to their reserves and are likely to remain net buyers in the years ahead, Pete Fells, an economist with Consolidated Gold Fields, said.

A Berne University economics professor, Jurg Niehaus, argued that gold market operations could be an additional tool for managing domestic monetary and national exchange rate policies.

And Robert Guy, chairman of the London Gold Fixing Sessions, suggested intervention by the central banks could usefully smooth out excessive market price fluctuations. But central bankers showed little enthusiasm for either proposition.

"I think it would be extremely difficult for central banks to intervene in markets on which they have no control whatsoever on the underlying determinants," Lamberto Dini, managing director of the Bank of Italy, said.

While conservative economists would like to see central bank gold holdings brought back as a peg for the monetary system, bankers pinpointed two major objections. Gold futures business, whereby investors can buy or sell paper gold contracts for a future date at an agreed price and rarely take delivery of the bullion, has grown so fast over the last decade that it now dominates the market in gold for actual

delivery, bankers said. And even if dealing in the metal itself, rather than paper contracts, could control the markets, chronic international inflation would make it difficult to reintroduce the gold standard and fix a defensible official price, they added. "I doubt if we could ever get there (to a gold standard)," Wallich said. "Even if we could get there it would not work and even if it worked for a while it would not work in the long term," he said.

Highlighting the difficulties central banks would have in getting the price right, Assistant Treasurer Gunter Wittich of the International Monetary Fund said IMF members use different prices for valuing their own holdings for accounting purposes. Fifty-six countries still account for their holdings at the former official price of \$35 an ounce and the others use a variety of other methods, Wittich said.

After it lost its direct link with money, gold climbed to a peak of \$875 an ounce two years ago. It has since fallen to about \$380 on world bullion markets. But if one right price for gold in terms of a currency could be identified, the problem would still remain of holding it steady in an unstable world, economists said.

Even if long-term trends could be set in the market for the metal, short-term price trends now tend to be set through the mainly U.S.-based futures markets on interest-rate considerations, bankers said. Prices dropped last year in response to the depressing impact of high U.S. interest rates.

Algeria helps Tanzanian offshore oil search

NAIROBI, Feb. 12 (ONS) — With huge bills for oil imports biting deep into the economies of the desperately poor countries of eastern Africa, frantic efforts are now being made to locate any domestic oil deposits which could relieve the heavy drain on foreign exchange that has brought most development projects to a halt.

One of the world's poorest nations, Tanzania, is on the point of starting a new offshore oil exploration project along its Indian Ocean coastline south of Zanzibar. This is being undertaken by Algeria, making its first attempt to find oil in east Africa. The Algerian state-run combine will do the drilling under a \$10 million aid program with Tanzania. British and American companies failed to find any worthwhile deposits in the same areas.

Meanwhile, unexpected clues to possible oil deposits in the great Rift Valley have raised hopes of a new source of wealth for the Tanzanians in the west, but these deposits could also benefit Malawi, Uganda, Zaire and tiny Rwanda and Burundi.

So far no oil in economic quantities has been discovered anywhere in eastern Africa, and the most recent test well sunk in the Indian Ocean, 20 miles off the Kenyan coast of Malindi, has just been abandoned after going down to 12,000 feet beneath the seabed with no sign of oil. Until another rig can be obtained, the exploration work in Kenya by Cities Service Company, a member of the Houston-based Oasis Group, together with Marathon and Union Oil, will have to be shelved — most likely for another whole year.

The clues indicating the likelihood of oil deposits in the Rift Valley lakes, Tanganyika and Malawi, have been found not by oilmen, but surprisingly enough by scientists hunting for fossils which might yield information about the early climate in east Africa.

Little serious attention has been given recently to the possibility of oil under this great crack in the earth's surface which extends from the Dead Sea through eastern Africa to the mouth of the Zambezi River in Mozambique.

When two field workers engaged on a pro-

ject for Lake University, North Carolina, recently took core samples from the beds of lakes Tanganyika and Malawi, they found indications that conditions under these lakes might be just right for finding oil.

Obtaining actual proof of oil will, however, entail expensive drilling operations which the university cannot afford, so in a rare example of multinational co-operation two international oil companies are to help finance deep drilling which will combine the search for fossils and for oil at the same time.

Where the scientists want to do the drilling in Lake Tanganyika is more than 3,500 feet deep and only oil companies have the finance and the expertise needed to tackle an operation of this magnitude. So far the French company Elf Aquitaine is reported to have agreed to put up \$200,000 toward the costs, with Mobil said to have promised \$10,000 plus technical assistance.

This is not the first time that the African Rift Valley has been identified as a potentially rich oil-bearing area, for nearly 20 years ago oil deposits were reportedly struck in Uganda under another Rift Valley lake, Lake Mobutu (formerly Albert) on the border with

Zaire. Just what has been done about exploiting this find is rather a mystery but according to secret documents found in Kampala, test wells were already sunk around the lake by 1962. The British company involved reported "fairly good prospects for commercial exploitation."

Some reports suggest that these wells were in fact kept secret and capped all these years so as not to upset the pricing mechanism of the big cartels controlling the prices of Western oil supplies.

Some experts believe that the Ugandan oil deposit marks the southern extent of a vast arc of oil lying under western Chad linking up with the Libyan oilfields and with those now being developed in western Sudan.

Even if one of the East African countries strikes a worthwhile deposit of oil this year, it will still lag far behind the Sudan which is already deriving half its current oil needs from those oilfields now in operation. For Tanzania, at present spending half of its scarce foreign exchange earned annually by exports on buying Arab oil, the discovery of local deposits would rescue the country's economy from disaster at the eleventh hour.

Russia steps up rice imports

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP) — The Soviet Union has been importing large quantities of rice, perhaps to offset some of its poor food crops, says the U.S. Agriculture Department.

Officials said Tuesday in a monthly analysis that estimated Soviet rice imports in 1980-81 have been revised upward by 300,000 metric tons to a record total of 850,000 tons. In 1981-82, the report said, Soviet rice imports may rise to 1 million metric tons. A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds.

The revision pushed the Soviet Union's import total of all grains in 1980-81 to 34.8 million metric tons. This year's total is expected to be about 42 million, a level indicated the past two months. The Soviet imports, the report said, those have grown steadily since 1973-74 and that domestic rice output also has crept upward during that

time.

"Some of the growth in (rice) imports might be attributed to recent poor harvests for substitute food crops (such as wheat and potatoes), and changes in Soviet consumption patterns," the report said. But it also could be "a reflection of an alternation in Soviet trade policy following the 1980 embargo" of grain sales by the United States.

"At that time the USSR was compelled to seek grains and other agricultural commodities from virtually all sources, and countries like Thailand and India — which were not party to the embargo — became major suppliers in addition to traditional ones such as North Korea," the report said. Thailand exported an estimated 250,000 metric tons of rice to the Soviet Union in 1981, compared to 182,000 in 1980, while exports from India totaled 600,000 tons against 150,000 in 1980, it said.

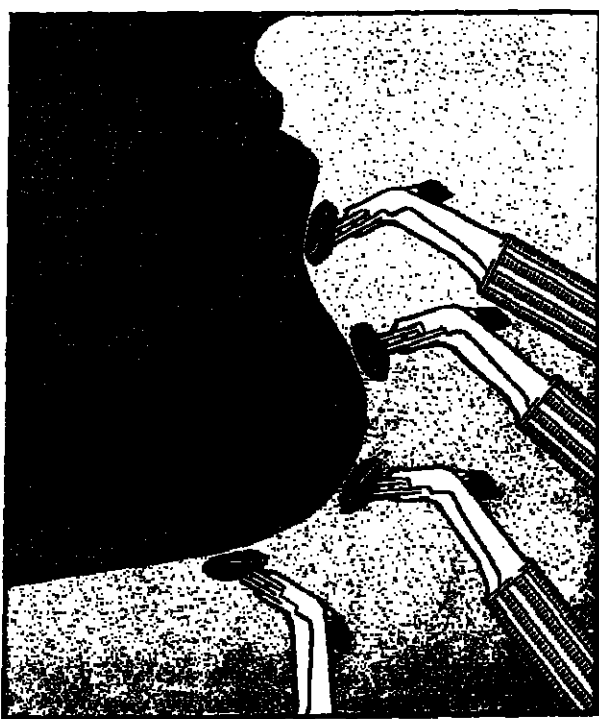
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S. Africa levies 10% import duty

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 12 (R) — South Africa imposed a 10 percent surcharge on certain imports and said it would raise sales taxes to counter falling revenues from gold sales.

The measures announced by Finance Minister Owen Horwood Thursday in a surprise mini-budget are intended to put an extra 1.15 billion rand (\$1.16 billion) into state coffers. The surcharge, which will help restrain imports and reduce a balance of payments deficit estimated at a record 4 billion rand (\$4.1 billion) last year, will apply to all items other than those subject to the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Sales taxes on all purchases including food will be raised to five percent from four percent with effect from March 1. South Africa is the world's leading producer of gold and Horwood Thursday blamed the decline in the price, to an average \$460 an ounce last year from \$613 in 1980, for a downturn in the economy that made Thursday's measures necessary.

In 1979, when gold hit a record \$875 an ounce, South Africa enjoyed an eight percent growth rate and had a balance of payments surplus of 2.8 billion rand (\$3.8 billion).

Underlining South Africa's heavy dependence on gold, Horwood told parliament that a \$100 average difference in the bullion price meant a loss of 2.1 billion rand (\$2.13 billion) to the country's earnings and a loss of 1.1 billion rand (\$1.11 billion) to the exchequer.

He said the import surcharge would be phased out as soon as circumstances permitted. It would not apply to purchases made by government departments, and certain petroleum products such as crude oil, petrol and diesel would also be excluded.

The surcharge should bring in about 550 million rand (\$558 million) a year while the increase in sales tax should raise an annual 600 million rand (\$609 million). Financial sources said that Thursday's measures would largely take the teeth out of the main budget, scheduled for March 14 and in which Horwood is expected to announce a deficit before borrowings of around 4.4 billion rand (\$4.9 billion) for the 1981-82 financial year.

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French takeover comes in force

PARIS, Feb. 12 (R) — The French nationalization bill, which gives President François Mitterrand widespread powers over industry and banking, becomes law Saturday, but remains fiercely contested by businessmen and the opposition.

Mitterrand's Socialist administration, with an overwhelming majority in parliament, has taken more than seven months to implement the major industrial element of its election program, which it hopes will change the face of French society.

The government thinks the nationalizations will provide France with an economic "strike force" in its strategy to contain and then reduce unemployment and carry out its electoral promises.

But big business remains unconvinced. The Patronat, the French employers association, said in a statement Friday that the nationalizations were "costly, useless and dangerous."

Under the bill five major industrial groups, 39 French banks, two steel and two financial holding companies, as well as large parts of the armaments and aerospace industries, come under state control.

Lisbon strike meets with partial success

LISBON, Feb. 12, (R) — Some 7,000 police patrolled outside factories, transport depots and other key points in case of trouble during Portugal's first-ever general strike called for Friday.

But government officials speaking on the radio this morning said Portugal had gone to work as usual and the Communist-led CGTP-Infederation's call to strike would not succeed. The streets of Lisbon were quieter than usual and its port remained idle, though some buses were running. Shops, full of produce, opened normally and many postmen and dustmen went out on their rounds.

At a packed rally called by the ruling Democratic alliance, government leaders claimed the strike was Communist subversion to which Portugal would not submit.

U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (AP) — Stocks opened mixed Friday in what was expected to be light activity as many investors began a four-day holiday weekend.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was up 1.23 points to 835.90 after 30 minutes of trading. Gainers took a slight edge over losers on the New York stock exchange.

Although markets were open Friday, many banks were closed for Lincoln's birthday and some market participants were expected to be absent. All markets will be closed next Monday.

Patronat officials said the nationalizations were a grave error. Leading industrialists and opposition deputies have branded them as totalitarian. Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy has an unshakable Socialist majority in parliament up to 1986 when the next general elections are due, and a frustrated opposition can now do little more than give vent to its feelings.

Claiming Friday that "a cornerstone had been placed on the edifice of change, Mauroy said that new life could now be injected into the French economy to carry out the government's recovery strategy.

According to French economists the real battle will now begin as the government strives to prove that it can overcome the recession better with more rather than less state control of the main means of production and finance.

The government, which will publish the bill Saturday and name new company chairman next Wednesday, argues that the nationalizations respond to a twin need for social progress and economic growth.

The Socialists' economic strategy, which

brought them to power last year after five years of center-right rule in France, concentrates on reducing unemployment to below the present two million mark and achieving economic growth of more than three percent this year compared with 0.5 percent in 1981. State spending and subsidies have been increased in a bid to revive stagnant industrial investments.

Critical economists say that increased domestic demand will lead to more imports, worsening the trade balance and weakening the franc. The success of France's experiment at spending its way out of recession, they say, depend on more similar programs being adopted in other Western countries than on what they call the divisive and irrelevant political issue of state control.

Faced with growing unemployment, West Germany and Belgium recently decided on new investment programs to stimulate their economies. The immediate practical implications of the nationalizations for most Frenchmen will be limited since their companies will still be run on the principles of profitability and free market competition within new guidelines set by the government.

Shell's \$46m claim fails

LONDON, Feb. 12 (R) — A British court ruled Friday that Lloyds shipping insurers were not liable for a \$46 million claim by the Shell Oil Company for the cargo of the scuttled oil tanker *Salem*.

It said the Liberian-registered *Salem*, 213,928 tons, was scuttled off the Senegalese Coast in January 1980 after secretly sailing to South Africa to unload a cargo officially destined for Italy.

Appeal court judge Lord Denning overturned an earlier judgment that a group of Lloyds underwriters was liable to meet Shell's claim on the lost cargo because it had been stolen at sea.

Lord Denning ruled that the 193,000 ton cargo had been stolen at the port of loading in

Kuwait as part of a fraud plot by what he called cosmopolitan crooks. For this reason it was not covered by the Lloyds insurance policy.

After the *Salem* went down its captain claimed it sank following an explosion with its cargo of oil still on board, but a Senegalese official inquiry found that only a small quantity of oil had been in the holds.

Lord Denning ruled the insurers were liable only to cover the loss of those 15,840 tons of oil which went down with the ship, estimated to be worth 2.5 million sterling (\$4.75 million). He gave both Lloyds and the Anglo-Dutch Shell firm permission to contest his ruling in a higher court.

Ankara seeks N-plant from Bonn

ANKARA, Feb. 12 (AP) — Turkey, shopping for a nuclear power plant for the past 10 years, has recently taken steps to acquire two small-size plants from a West German company, Ankara Economic News Agency reported Friday.

The agency, quoting State Minister Nimet Mzdas, said the Turkish foreign ministry has asked for technical-level meetings with the West German Kraftwerk Union (KWU) company for building two 400 megawatt plants along Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

The two plants would reportedly cost \$1.6 billion. Turkish efforts in the past to acquire a nuclear power plant failed because Ankara was unable to obtain foreign financing.

Turkish investments in the energy field have lagged behind domestic demand and a severe shortage of electricity was a major

factor in falling industrial production since 1976. An earlier effort to buy a Swedish nuclear power plant fell through when the supplier's credit was withdrawn in 1980.

Turks are struggling to recover from an economic crisis which brought the country to the brink of bankruptcy in 1978. An economic austerity program, aided by \$2-billion Western credit for 1980-91, has brought some relief.

DAKAR, (AFP) — An international fund needs to be set up to promote computers in the Third World, with emphasis on training of local professional staff, a meeting of some 30 African countries agreed here. Delegates Thursday were preparing for a conference on national computer strategies and policies scheduled for Cuba in 1983.

RIO DE JANEIRO, (AFP) — Brazilian airline VASP will take delivery of three Airbus A300 airliners between August and December, the company said here. It has an option on a fourth Airbus. At present VASP's fleet consists of 39 Boeings, and aviation sources noted that the Boeing company operates a trade-in system for customers buying new aircraft.

HAMBURG, (R) — Deutsche BP, West Germany's biggest oil concern, said Friday, that it would have to reduce its workforce and refining capacity after suffering heavy

Japan favors hike in 3rd World aid

TOKYO, Feb. 12 (AP) — Japan must step up economic aid to developing nations to help them establish a stable self-supporting economy, a government paper said Friday.

The stable economic development of developing nations is particularly important for Japan which lacks natural resources and solely depends on international trade, said an annual white paper on economic cooperation released by the International Trade and Industry.

Japan's imports from developing nations in 1980 totaled \$84.7 billion which accounted for 27.5 percent of its overall imports, while its exports to developing nations totaled \$59.5 billion or 45.8 percent of its total exports, the paper said.

It said Japan should provide developing nations with aid to help them raise productivity, expand employment and increase national income so that they can establish a stable self-supporting economy.

In addition to capital, Japan's supply of a wide range of technology is essential, paper said.

In 1980, Japan's economic aid totaled \$6.8 billion, down 10.5 percent from a year earlier, the paper said. It attributed the decrease to a decline in private aid. Private aid fell by 30 percent from a year earlier to \$3.4 billion in 1980, the paper said.

Tunisia, EEC hold trade talks

TUNIS, Feb. 12 (R) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba had talks with an official of the European Economic Community (EEC) on the implications for his country's economy of a proposed expansion of the community.

EEC sources said Thursday the commissioner for Mediterranean affairs, Lorenzo Natali, discussed with President Bourguiba the economic problems Tunisia would encounter if Spain and Portugal were admitted to the community.

Both countries are due to become community members at the beginning of 1984. They said the admission of Spain would double EEC production of olive oil, making the community self-sufficient and leaving little room for Tunisian oil, from which the country earns six percent of its foreign currency. The sources said Natali discussed ways of helping Tunisia with a number of Tunisian ministers.

losses last year because of depressed demand for oil products. The firm, a wholly owned subsidiary of British Petroleum, reported Friday a loss of 258 million marks (\$109 million) last year.

PEKING, (AP) — China may invite foreign bids for offshore oil exploration within few days, but development of commercial offshore oil fields is more than seven years away, Chinese press reports indicated Thursday. Bids are to be invited as soon as the China National Offshore Oil Corp. is set up. The official English-language newspaper *China Daily* said this could come within a day or two.

PEKING, (AFP) — China last year had its first surplus in trade with Japan, its leading business partner. Exports to Japan totaled \$5,300 million, and sales the other way came to \$5,090 million. In 1980, exports were \$4,300 million and imports \$5,070 million.

Gold dips Dollar rates forge ahead

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP) — The U.S. dollar rose against most foreign currencies in trading Friday. Gold bullion lost about \$1 an ounce in Europe.

Dealers said renewed expectations of higher American interest rates prompted active buying of the dollar. The British pound fell to \$1.8447 from \$1.8498 Wednesday.

The mark fell to a five-month low against the dollar Friday as the head of West Germany's central bank declared that President Reagan's proposed budget deficits threatened a revival of the world economy.

Karl Otto Poehl, president of the Bundesbank, in his second speech critical of U.S. policy in two days, said enormous defense spending and massive tax cuts by Washington would produce a budget deficit which would either keep American interest rates extremely high or boost inflation.

In Tokyo, where trading ends just as it begins in Europe, the dollar strengthened further against the Japanese yen in post-holiday trading on the Tokyo foreign exchange Friday closing at 237.55 yen, the highest level in six months, and 5.20 yen higher than last Friday's finish of 232.35 yen.

The dollar opened at 236.10 yen, the same as the close of the previous trading session Wednesday. The foreign exchange was closed Thursday due to a Japanese national holiday.

The sources said the bank of Japan continued intervening in the market to prevent the weakened yen from sagging but its effort was futile. The amount of intervention was not known. Dealers said trading was relatively slow with spot transactions totaling \$1.276 billion against \$1.582 billion Wednesday.

London's five major bullion houses recommended a morning gold price fixing of \$379.00 a troy ounce, down \$1.25 from late Thursday. In Zurich, the precious metal traded in a median range of \$379.50 down from Thursday's \$380.50.

Earlier in Hong Kong, gold dropped \$7.32 an ounce to close at \$380.38.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 378.25
Paris 375.29
Frankfurt 381.97
Zurich 377.50
Hong Kong 380.38.

Greek tanker breaks up in 2

FALMOUTH, Feb. 12, (R) — A tanker broke up in mid-Atlantic Friday and U.S. Air Force teams flew from Britain and the Azores to try to save 21 people clinging to its sinking stern. Eleven others on a lifeboat were reported missing.

The 12,000-ton Greek-owned *Victory* broke in two in ferocious seas about 500 miles north of the Azores early Friday morning.

A spokesman for Falmouth Coastguard, which is coordinating rescue attempts, said the para-medical teams were due to arrive on the scene at about 1330 GMT.

He said 21 people were clinging for their lives to the sinking stern of the tanker, which had been carrying molasses from Florida to Liverpool. Their position is

desperate", he said. They had no more lifeboats or life-rafts. The U.S. teams, flying in two planes, were due to parachute into the Atlantic with life-rafts.

They were flying the U.S. base in the Azores and from Woodbridge, eastern England. A Belgian vessel on the scene, the *Potomac*, radioed that waves were 45 feet (14 meters) high, the sea was like a cauldron and rescue was impossible.

Coastguard controller Robbie Roberts said it would be up to the captains of the aircraft to decide whether or not to drop the para-medical teams.

A British Air Force Nimrod plane patrolling above the *Victory* reported earlier that the stern of the tanker could sink at any time.

Britain takes steps to boost exports

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AFP) — Britain's minister of state responsible for foreign trade, Peter Rees, will Saturday begin a 10-day tour of Syria, Jordan and Iraq for talks on how to increase sales of British equipment and techniques, sources here said Friday.

The first stage of his visit will take him to Syria from Feb. 13 to 1, he will have talks with ministers responsible for the economy and foreign trade, transport, electricity and industry. Bilateral trade is modest and Rees wants to give it a boost.

The British minister will visit Jordan from Feb. 16 to 19, and again on his return trip from Feb. 21 to 23. He will meet the ministers of trade, industry and transport, as well as the heads of the national planning office, the electricity office and mining companies.

Between Feb. 19 and 21 he will visit Iraq which last year doubled its imports of British goods to a total of some \$650 million. Rees will meet the ministers responsible for trade, building, transport and communications.

He will also open a construction industry symposium organized by a British export mission, and will seek information about the projected Baghdad underground railway and development of the auto industry.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:30 p.m. Thursday			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	9.00	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	15.35
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	283.00
Canadian Dollar	—	—	144.75
Deutsche Mark (100)	145.00	144.75	144.75
Dutch Guilder (100)	132.30	132.10	132.10
Egyptian Pound	3.50	3.50	3.92
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15	93.15
French Franc (100)	57.25	57.05	57.05
Greek Drachma (1,000)	54.00	56.20	56.20
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	37.25
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Sheqel	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.20	27.20	27.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.55	14.55
Jordanian Dinar	10.01	9.93	9.93
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.05	12.01	12.01
Lebanese Lira (100)	70.50	70.05	70.05
Moroccan Dirham (100)	59.00	62.40	62.40
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	32.40	32.40
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.80	41.80
Pound Sterling	6.39	6.34	6.34
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.05	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	161.80	161.80
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	34.60	34.60
Swiss Franc (100)	180.75	180.45	180.45
Syrian Lira (100)	58.00	63.50	63.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.4275	3.422	3.422
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90	74.90
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—	—

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Western Province Municipal and Rural Affairs Department	Maintenance of Rabegh streets	53/M	200	22-2-82
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Maintenance of the ministry's exchange	93	100	27-2-82
"	Improvement and beautification of Arar (asphalted and side-walks)	94	4,000	28-2-82

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1	Seaspeed America	Allreza	Heavy Vehicles	10.2.82
4	Syria	Bamaodah	Barley & Steel	2.2.82
5	Hellenic Pride	Alpha	Gen/Contra/Rice	2.2.82
7	Yannis D	A.A.	Barley	30.1.82
8	Kota Melati	O.C.E.	Textile/Gen/Durra	1.2.82
10	World Trader	Bamaodah	Barley	7.2.82
11	Olympikos	Guif	Barley	10.2.82
13	Golden Yenbo	El Hawi	St/Tim/Gen/Contra	2.2.82
14	Char Kang	Abdallah	Gen/St/Contra/Timb.	10.2.82
15	Frozen Sailor	O.C.E.	Citrus Fruit	9.2.82
16	Sharky Bay	SAMSCO	Ldg Mty Contra.	10.2.82
18	Achilles	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	7.2.82
19	Jill Cord	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	27.1.82
21	Apollon	A.A.	Barley	9.2.82
23	Al Farwanish	Kanoo	Cement/Steel/Gen.	10.2.82
24	Al Banderi	Alpha	Bag Barley/Sorghum	3.2.82
25	Pelagos	M.T.A.	Containers	9.2.82
26	Ajwa	Baghdadi	Wheat	8.2.82
27	Saudi Pride	M.E.S.A.	Tiles	1.2.82
28	Kamateri	Algezirah	Gen/Cem/Steel	8.2.82
29	Balmoral Universal	O.C.E.	Chicken	2.2.82
35	Nedlloyd Rochester	Alatas	Contra/Ro-Ro Units	11.2.82

2. RECENT ARRIVALS :

Saudi Independence	M.E.S.A.	Gen./Steel	10.2.82
Al Farwanish	Kanoo	Cem/St/Gen.	"
Char Kang	Abdallah	Gen/St/Con/Timb.	"
Claudia Koegel	Shobokshi	Gen/Vehicles	"
Stonewall Jackson	Kanoo	Gen/Ldg Scrap Steel	"
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4	Jala Yamuna	Kanoo	General	8.2.82
6	Al Rayyan	Kanoo	General	9.2.82
7	Anangel Prosperity	Guif	Timber	8.2.82
9	Banglar Tarani	SCSA	Loading Urea	5.2.82
11	Golden Venture	Ori	Bulk Baudite	10.2.82
13	Uniluck	SSMS	Steel	7.2.82
14	Spruce	Gosaihi	Steel Pipes	9.2.82
15	Hellenic Sky	Guif	Rice/Gen	8.2.82
16	Saudi Sunrise	Ori	General/Timber	7.2.82
17	Ayesha	Gosaihi	Bagged Barley	25.1.82
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With a dazzling performance

Malone mesmerizes Seattle

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (AP) — Moses Malone, who almost singlehandedly took the Houston Rockets to the National Basketball Association Championship series last year, is at it again.

Playing against a Seattle frontline that includes All-Stars Jack Sikma and Lonnie Shelton Thursday night, Malone gave the Houston fans a game to remember.

The 6-foot-10 center set an NBA record with 21 offensive rebounds and finished with 32 overall to go with his 38 points as the Rockets defeated Seattle 117-100 for their sixth straight victory. His offensive rebound total alone equaled the number the whole Seattle team had on both ends of the floor as Houston outscored the Sonics 69-21.

Sikma was asked if he had even seen an opponent dominate the boards, and he said, "I hope I can't remember a game where we were outscored. I can never remember a

game in my career where one team out-rebounded another 33-11 on the offensive boards. Houston forward Elvin Hayes scored 22 points."

Bucks 116, Blazers 105: Milwaukee won its seventh straight game as Brian Winters scored 20 points and Marcus Johnson 19. Portland trailed only 83-79 after three quarters although Mychal Thompson, who scored 25 points, was in foul trouble. But with Thompson out of the lineup, the Bucks outscored the Blazers 10-4 for a 93-85 lead with eight minutes to play.

Knicks 128, Warriors 117: Maurice Lucas scored a season-high 35 points and pulled down 16 rebounds to lead New York over Golden State despite 40 points by the Warriors' Bernard King. Lucas, stretched Knicks to 90-87 lead. But King scored Golden State's next 11 points to keep the Warriors in

the game.

Lucas tied the score 114-114 with his final basket with 1:38 to go before two free throws and a basket by Mike Newlin, who had 21 points, gave the Knicks a 118-114 edge the Warriors couldn't overcome. The game was close throughout, with 23 ties and 12 lead changes.

Pistons 123, Cavaliers 113: John Long scored 35 points and Kelly Tripucka added 30 to pace Detroit over Cleveland. Long hit 10 points in each of the first two quarters to give the Pistons a commanding 77-55 lead at half-time. But the Cavaliers steadily cut the deficit to 100-98 with 9:40 left in the game. But two baskets by Phil Hubbard and one by Ron Lee made it 106-98, and the Pistons went on to post their 22nd victory, one more than they had all of last season. James Edwards led Cleveland scorers with 31 points.

McEnroe joins WCT circuit

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 12 (Agencies) — American John McEnroe, the world No. 1 will play in three World Championship Tennis (WCT) Tournaments this year, the Dallas-based WCT announced Thursday.

He has signed a contract to compete in a \$300,000 event in Strasbourg, France, from March 15 to 21 and according to a clause in the contract that automatically commits him to play in both the WCT finals in Dallas from April 20 to 26 and the Tournament of Champions at Forest Hills, New York, from May 2 to 9.

The Dallas and Forest Hills events are the two most important ones on the WCT schedule and the "capture" of McEnroe can be seen as the latest round in the battle between the Dallas organization and the men's Grand Prix circuit from which WCT broke away last May.

In all three events McEnroe is likely to meet Ivan Lendl, who is challenging him strong for the No. 1 ranking. The 21-year-old Czechoslovak has beaten McEnroe four times in the past 12 months. The latest victory was in the final of the last week's Toronto tournament.

"We welcome John McEnroe's entry at the three of our events and we hope that this will be the forerunner of many more WCT events for the World's No. 1 player, and one of the game's all-time great players," said Owen Williams, WCT chief executive officer.

Ruzici upset

Meanwhile, in Kansas City, Virginia Ruzici of Romania became the first seeded player to be knocked out of the Avon Championships of Kansas City Thursday after being defeated by Mary Lou Piatek, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

Top-seeded Martina Navratilova defeated Claudia Kohde of West Germany in straight sets, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2, in an opening-round match of the \$100,000 championships. Navratilova, a two-time Wimbledon singles champion and the No. 2 player in the world, trailed Kohde 5-3 in the first set.

As nine players face suspension Rows hit Argentina soccer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Feb. 12 (AP) — Daniel Passarella, the captain of the world champion Argentine national soccer team, has threatened to quit if the team's politically controversial coach Cesar Menotti is fired. But Passarella's threat was mitigated Thursday by the possibility the captain, along with other star players, might be suspended from the national team because of a dispute with their local club.

Menotti, who led Argentina to the World Championship in Buenos Aires in 1978, ranted the nation's military government with comments published last week by the Argentine magazine *La semana*. The 42-year-old coach said: "The people will sooner or later demand answers from those who govern." He accused Argentina's rulers of "insensitivity" and said they "have failed to realize you have to govern for the majority."

Passarella told the Buenos Aires daily *Clarín*: "I think it would be a tremendous injustice that someone who seriously and in an up-front way...would be fired or swept aside for saying what he thinks." There was no indication Menotti removal was being considered. Even so, Passarella said, "If they fire Menotti, Passarella quits, that's all there is to it." He also said he would not be surprised if "a couple others on the national team felt the same way."

While the controversy swirled around Menotti, a possible fatal threat to Argentina's World Cup hopes emerged. The heart of the national team including Passarella, 1978 World Cup hero Mario Kempes and goalie Ubaldo Fillol, faced suspension from the championship squad.

The players were threatened with suspension from their club, River Plate, for refusing to take the field Wednesday night in an exhibition game against the Penarol club of neighboring Uruguay. The players wanted more money than River Plate offered.

The sanctions could affect nine players summoned by Menotti to report Monday to the training camp at Mar Del Plata. Besides Passarella, Kempes and Fillol — Americo Gallego, Ramon Diaz, Julio Olarticoechea, defender Cesar Tarantini and Enzo Bulleri — who though injured supported their teammates in the demand. While Jorg Goridillo, tapped by Menotti, may be affected if the sanction affects the whole team.

In Friday's opening match, Australia's No. 2, Tristan Mancarrow, lost the first two sets at 8-10 and 4-9, before coming back strongly in the remaining three sets to win 9-7, 9-0, 9-3 against Anders Walstedt.

Australia's No. 1 Chris Dittmar also conceded a game before beating Fredrik Jonsson 9-2, 9-7, 0-9, 9-1. England, the third seed, had an easy 3-0 win over Wales while New Zealand, the fourth seed, defeated Ireland also by a 3-0 margin.

The battle for the top position in Pool 'X' is now between Australia and England with

KUWAIT, (AFP) — The government of Kuwait is to spend \$3.5 million on the national team's preparation for the World Football Cup finals in Spain this summer in which its group opponents will be France, England and Yugoslavia. The bulk of the sum will be spent on the cost of build-up matches in other countries.

PEKING, (AP) — China will send athletes to 18 of the events in the Asian games in India Nov. 19 to Dec. 4, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Thursday. Chinese will compete in soccer, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, badminton, tennis, handball, hockey, track and field, gymnastics, swimming, weightlifting, archery, wrestling, cycling, shooting, rowing and yachting, it said.

LONDON, (R) — Sue Brown, who last year became the first woman to compete in the 127-year history of the university boat race, has again been named as Oxford's cox for this year's race on March 27. Brown, a 23-year-old bio-chemistry student, has held off the challenge of her main rival Steve Higgins, last year's cox of Oxford's reserve crew. Oxford will be bidding for a seventh consecutive win over Cambridge in the



John McEnroe... signs up for WCT tourney

Curren proves too good for Pfister

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 12 (AP) — Terry Moor's dreams of another upset in the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships were quashed Thursday night when he faced top-seeded John McEnroe.

Moor, playing before a hometown crowd at the Racquet Club, lost, 6-3, 6-2, to McEnroe, who will play No. 7 Roscoe Tanner in Friday's quarterfinals. Defending champion Gene Mayer, seeded third, defeated unseeded Bruce Manson 6-2, 6-4, in last singles match Thursday. McEnroe made quick work on the unseeded Moor.

"I must played better Thursday," he said. "I think I concentrated better and I won the big points." McEnroe only lost three points in his last four service games and passed Moor seemingly at will. Moor, who had a first-

Borg may opt out of Wimbledon

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 12 — Swedish tennis star Bjorn Borg has resumed tennis training after a self-imposed three-month break. But this comes as no surprise as he begins preparation for his season's opener in Monte Carlo in March.

But the Swedish ace's latest decision was a bombshell. He told newsmen, in Sweden, that he may skip this year's Wimbledon tournament. The five-times Wimbledon champion would not elaborate, except to say that he doesn't know if he'll play.

As other seeds advance

The seeded players eliminated from competition rose to nine Thursday as Hank Pfister fell to South Africa's Kevin Curren. Pfister, who was the tournament's 10th seed, was the ninth seeded player to be eliminated up to the first matches of the third round.

"He definitely had some momentum going," Tanner said. "He was really serving well. He just blew me away. But then I came back and broke him and that sort of deflated him."

Tanner added after the match. Krick had difficulty in putting Carter away in the first set, but recovered well to win the second set and should have taken advantage of that," Krick said. "But he broke me to make it 2-1 and then we just stayed on serve the whole rest of the set. I had him on the ropes every time he served, but I just couldn't quite break him again." Krick said his play began to improve in the tiebreaker and Carter was unable to win a single game in the second set.

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Tanner overcame a 4-1 deficit in the second set to defeat No. 14 Tim Mayotte, 6-3, 7-5, and set up the quarterfinals match against McEnroe. The No. 4 seed, Vitas Gerulaitis, advanced to the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-4, victory over John Alexander of Australia. Johan Krick, No. 8, bounced David Carter, 7-6, 6-0. Teah-seeded Hank Pfister was upset by South Africa's Kevin Curren, 7-6, 6-1, while Eliot Teltscher advanced with a 7-6, 6-4 victory over hard-hitting Chip Hooper.

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Alan Jones

Top veteran drivers to vie in International Classics

MELBOURNE, Feb. 12 (Agencies) — The cream of the world's veteran motor racers have arrived here to compete in four International Classic events Sunday.

The "Tribute to the Champions" races will feature such greats as Alan Jones, Stirling Moss, Sir Jack Brabham, John Surtees, Denny Ulme, and a host of vintage single seaters and sports cars worth \$20 million.

Five-times world Grand Prix champion Juan Manuel Fangio had hoped to join the veteran event, but the 72-year-old Argentinian was taken ill and was unable to make the trip. The 12 historic vehicles include a rare 1.5 liter V-12 Ferrari and a Maserati 250-F flown in from the \$24 million Donington collection in England, a straight eight P3 Alfa Romeo and an \$800,000 super-charged V12 Mercedes Benz Silver Arrow, seen for the first time outside Europe.

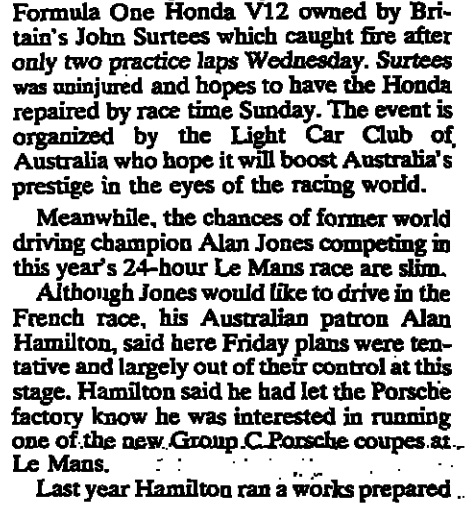
Stirling Moss and Alan Jones will co-drive the Maserati, identical to the type driven by Jones' late father, Australian Grand Prix winner Stan Jones, in the 1950s.

But one early casualty was a three-liter Formula One Honda V12 owned by Britain's John Surtees which caught fire after only two practice laps Wednesday. Surtees was uninjured and hopes to have the Honda repaired by race time Sunday. The event is organized by the Light Car Club of Australia who hope it will boost Australia's prestige in the eyes of the racing world.

Meanwhile, the chances of former world driving champion Alan Jones competing in this year's 24-hour Le Mans race are slim. Although Jones would like to drive in the French race, his Australian patron Alan Hamilton, said here Friday plans were tentative and largely out of their control at this stage. Hamilton said he had let the Porsche factory know he was interested in running one of the new Group C Porsche coupes at Le Mans.

Last year Hamilton ran a works prepared

924 model at Le Mans. The car is now in Australia and will be converted to 944 specifications for Jones to drive in the



Alan Jones

Lee Trevino spurts ahead in Victoria golf

MELBOURNE, Feb. 12 (AP) — American golfing superstar Lee Trevino shot to an outright lead during the second round of the \$100,000 Victorian Open Golf Tournament at Metropolitan here Friday.

The huge gallery went wild as Trevino hit the front with a four under par 68 for a two round total of 138. Trevino, just two under the card overnight, went out to a great six under to wrench the lead from 24-year-old Melbourne rookie professional Michael Clayton.

In a day of contrasting fortunes, Trevino climbed steadily to gain four extra strokes from the grueling 18 holes, while Clayton, who began at the head of the list at five under the card, fluctuated and at one stage hit a high of seven under.

But, when the final numbers went up early Friday night, it was Trevino taking a one-stroke lead into Saturday's third round. Clayton, who toiled all day to hold Thursday's hard won ground, is locked in second place on 139 with fellow-Melbourne golfer Trevor McDonald, who has fired 71-68.

Behind that trio were the defending champion Bill Dink and Bob Shaw, both from NSW, and local hero Bob Shearer. But it was Trevino the big crowd had come to see and when he hit the lead the tournament suddenly became a promoter's dream. Now the big question is whether the little American can go on with the job and if there are any doubts on that point Trevino's own words later at a packed media conference tell it all.

"I'm playing well and I'm playing hard. I can keep on hitting the ball as I am now and not make any mistakes and also keep pounding those greens then I'll be there on Sunday," Trevino Friday showed putting techni-

que of a high class as a follow through to great driving, and in fact, he found the going easy on a couple of holes in the back nine.

Even when he hit two or three bunkers Trevino was never in any real trouble and although he stopped a few hearts in the gallery when he drove into a bunker in the 18th, he chipped out in easy fashion with a four iron and made a four foot putt.

That was typical of many parts of the American's great round and also a solid warning to the rest of the field that they are in for a tough couple of days trying to head Trevino away from the \$18,000 winners' cheque Sunday.

Young Michael Clayton admitted he

should have played better Friday instead of ending in virtually an "as you were" situation compared to Thursday. And Saturday's tough job ahead to keep up at the head of affairs he had this to say: "I don't know what will happen. It's all part of learning for me—something you have to go through."

Behind Shaw, Dink and Shearer are plenty of others who can also be listed as challengers but they will need to turn in some best ever performances to catch up with Trevino. Vaughan Somers and Canadian Jerry Anderson are together on three under, while the two under mark is shared by a couple of locals in Ian Stanley and Bruce Green, also Chris Tickner (NSW) and New Zealander Chris Bonington.



Bjorn Borg...drops a bombshell

Michael Spinks takes on Wasajja

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Feb. 12 (R) — Michael Spinks will move within sight of a \$200 million pay day if he retains his World Boxing Association (WBA) light-heavyweight title against Ugandan Mustapha Wasajja Saturday.

Spinks, brother of former heavyweight champion Leon, is already looking beyond this clash to a meeting with the rival World Boxing Council (WBC) title-holder, Dwight Braxton, in the autumn. "I would like at least \$200 million for that one," said Spinks, who enters the ring against Wasajja defending an unbeaten professional record stretching back 18 fights, including 12 knockouts.

Wasajja has emerged as the number one contender by winning 24 of his 29 bouts—he lost 15 out of 28 as an amateur—but his lack of punching power is likely to be critical against an opponent of the calibre of Spinks. The Ugandan has only seven knockouts to his credit. Spinks, who won the title from Eddie Mustafa Muhammad in Las Vegas last July, will be making his second defense of the WBA crown. In his first fight as champion he stopped Vonzell Johnson in seven rounds here in November.

Spinks admits he knows little about Wasajja, apart from the fact he is a left-hander, but said: "He's been winning by moving, sticking and scoring from the outside. When a fighter keeps winning like that, you have to be concerned." Trainer Percy Richardson, has brought in a string of left-handed sparring partners for Spinks, who has sparred 114 rounds against southpaws Chris Wells, Bernard McClain and Leo Rogers.

Wasajja's trainer, Dane Borge Krogh, is confident his man can throw the champion, and said: "Spinks throws slow punches. He's no Sugar Ray Leonard, that's for sure." Spinks, 25, hinted he might follow his brother into the heavyweight ranks in the future. "I'm young and I'm big in the legs," he said. "The day will come when I won't be able to make weight."

Meanwhile South African Robbie Williams and Puerto Rican Ossie Ocasio do battle Saturday for the honor of becoming the first champion of the World Boxing Association (WBA) newly-created cruiserweight division.

Postponed from last Saturday after a deluge flooded the open-air stadium and wrecked the ring canopy, it should be a close, if poor quality, world title clash. Williams and Ocasio are the WBA's leading contenders, although both men are largely unknown internationally. Neither figures in the rival World Boxing Council (WBC) ratings and neither has defeated anyone of note.

Clampett compiles good score

HONOLULU, Feb. 12 (AP) — Bobby Clampett disdained the use of a tee in the bowling bowls. Tom Watson used a 4-iron from 160 yards. Bob Proben used a 5-iron from 120.

"It was a moonson," said Clampett, who compiled a brilliant, no-hogey, 5-under par 67 in incredibly difficult conditions for the lead Thursday in the uncompleted first round of the \$325,000 Hawaiian Open Golf Tournament. All the afternoon starters, golfers in the lower half of the starting field, were stranded by rain darkness on the 6,881 yards of pools and puddles that made up the storm-lashed Waialae Country Club Course. They marked their positions on the course and were scheduled to finish their rounds Friday, then move immediately into second round play.

The conditions were the worst of the year on the Pro Golf Tour. Heavy rains delayed the start of play. And the squalls continued to sweep in from the Pacific. The series of storms was so severe that the Honolulu airport was closed briefly. Flash flood warnings were issued. And the touring pros played in those conditions, huddling under any shelter they could find, dodging palm fronds ripped loose by winds, chilled and dampened by lashing rains. "The conditions were really bad," said Masters champ Watson. "Sometimes, playing a shot was like trying to skip a rock off water."

He managed a 2-under-par 70 and called it, "under the prevailing conditions, a good solid round, a round of 67 was a terrific."

Clampett, 21, a four-time runnerup last year, helped himself to that spectacular effort by keeping his shots as low as possible. He abandoned the use of a tee, placed the ball on the ground and kept his drives to a maximum height of 30 feet.

"You had to battle the winds," he said. "Not only did you have to worry about accuracy, you had to consider trajectory." Proben, a longshot who has been three years on the tour, and Watson both went several clubs lower than usual to punch their approaches low along the ground and run the ball into the soggy greens. With 72 men still to finish first round play, Proben was second alone at 68. The group at 69 included Ed Sneed, Andy North, Tommy Valentine and Mark Lye.

At least three men who were unable to complete play have a shot at Clampett's lead. Ben Crenshaw and Dave Barr each were 3 under par, two out of the lead — after 12 holes. John Schroeder was three under after nine. A number of others leading lights, however, were having their difficulties. Bill Rogers, the 1981 player of the year, Ray Floyd and Andy Bean, all made the turn with fat 39s.

Seirawan holds Karpov to a draw

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Feb. 12 (AP) — World champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union drew with Yasser Seirawan of the United States Thursday during the Magistral IV Chess Tournament here.

The draw gave Karpov and Seirawan a half point each and put them in a tie for second place behind Hungary's Lajos Portisch. Portisch did not play Thursday, which for the most part was dedicated to finishing games suspended during the tournament's first three rounds.

Portisch has two and a half points. Karpov

and Seirawan each have two points. In other actions Thursday, Lev Polugaievsky of the Soviet Union drew with Sergio Giordelli of Argentina, Bent Larsen drew with Argentina's Oscar Panno, Zenon Franco of Paraguay defeated Miguel Angel Quinteros of Argentina. In the adjourned games Larsen beat Jan Timman of Holland, Carlos Garcia Palermo beat Franco and Fernando Braga of Argentina beat Quinteros.

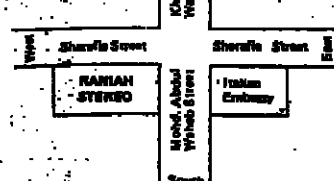
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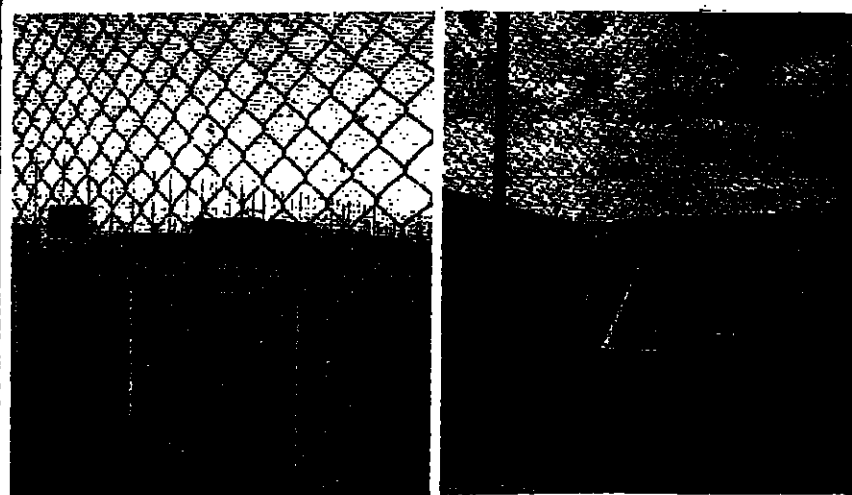
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HOJIN MARU	V-32	RORO	16-2-1982
			Jubail-15-2-1982
SEA SPEED AMERICA	V-9	RORO	17-2-1982
YUJIN MARU	V-4	RORO	18-2-1982
JACARU	V-24	RORO	20-2-1982

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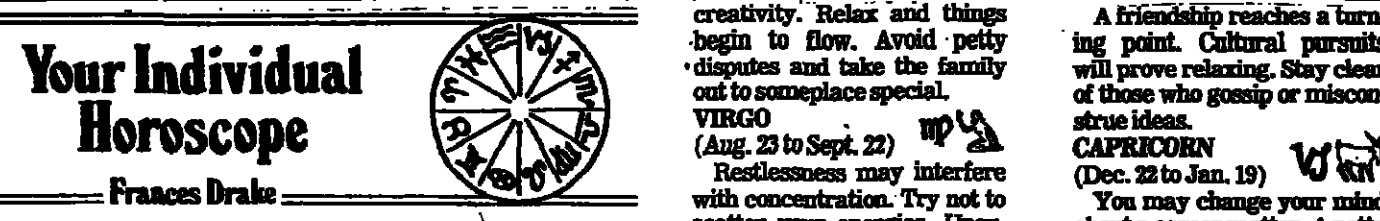
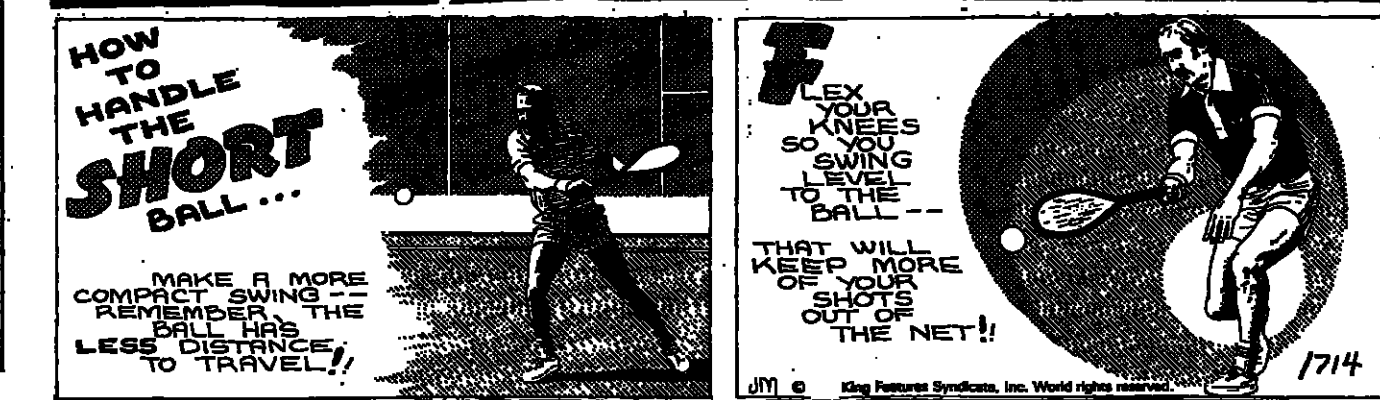
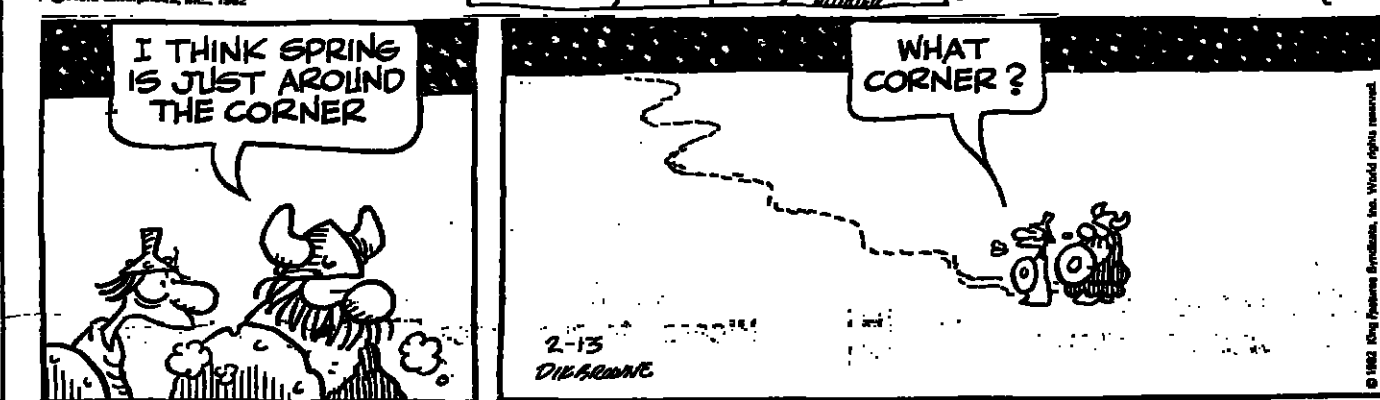
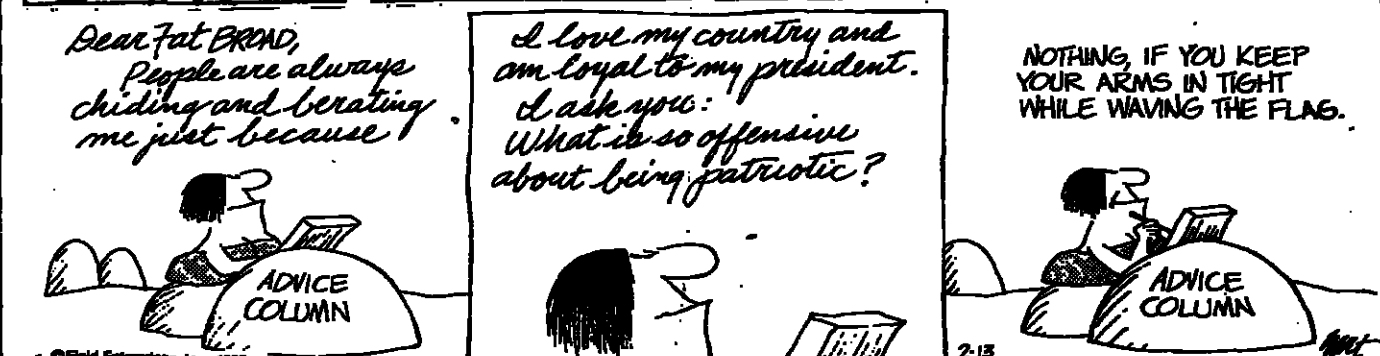
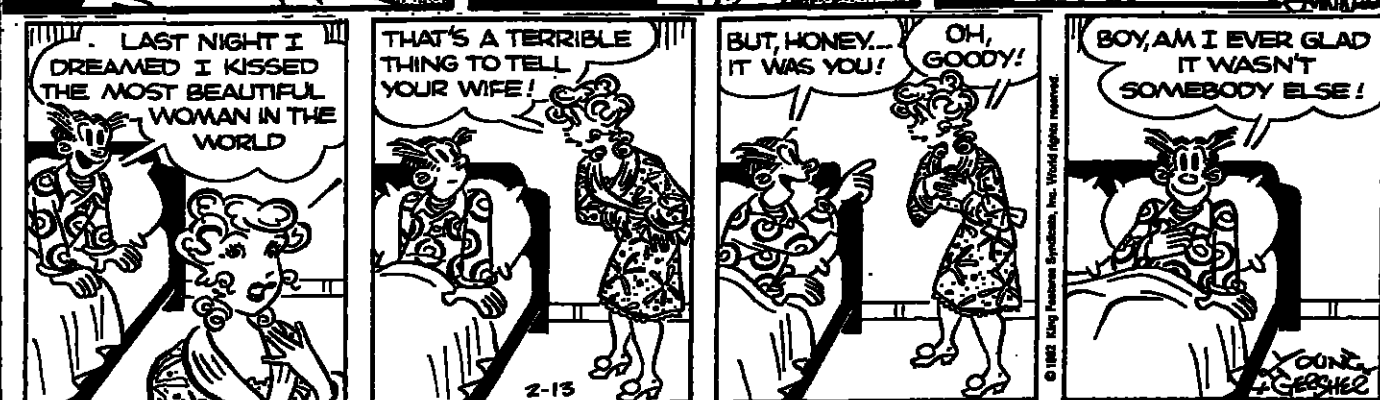
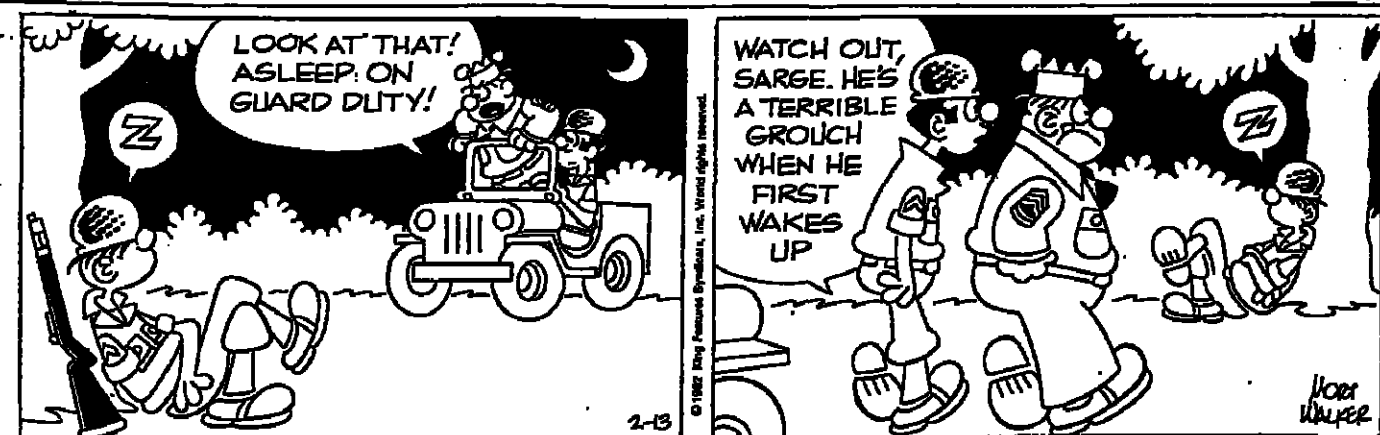
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1982

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
A close tie may convince you to change your mind. Dealings about money are touchy, especially with friends. Advice comes unexpectedly.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Tidy up loose ends regarding a work project. Talks with superiors aren't favored. Avoid getting upset about little things.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
You're inclined to be nervous, perhaps about a work matter, but a close friend is able to divert your attention quite pleasantly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Complete domestic duties. A relative may be manipulative. Don't argue with children about spending habits. Hobbies prove lucrative.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Fixed ideas can impede

creativity. Relax and things begin to flow. Avoid petty disputes and take the family out to someplace special.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Restlessness may interfere with concentration. Try not to scatter your energies. Unexpected good news comes from a relative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
You're inclined to be a loner now, though creatively you're quite expressive. Ingenuity brings financial rewards. Trust originality.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Trust intuition regarding financial matters. Minor domestic difficulties could lead to nagging behavior. Don't overlook details.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
A friendship reaches a turning point. Cultural pursuits will prove relaxing. Stay clear of those who gossip or misconstrue ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
You may change your mind about a career matter. A petty argument could arise over a bill. Relations with friends are variable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
It's best not to be concerned about career matters now, since small misunderstandings could occur. Travel or amusements should be pleasing.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
You'll find ways to augment security. Someone conceals his true motives with superficial prattle. Seek advice about long-term goals.

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"THAT'S THE BORING THING ABOUT SNOW... IT ONLY COMES IN ONE FLAVOR."

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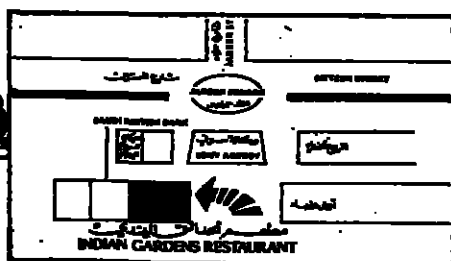
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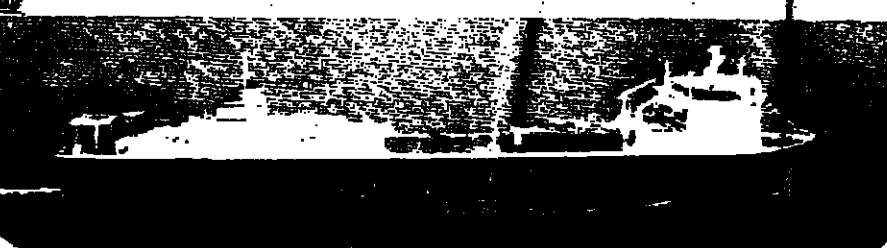
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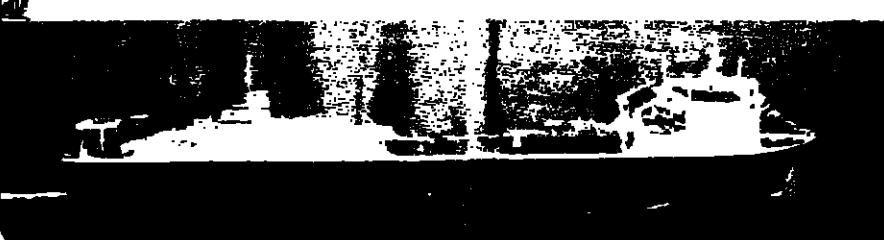
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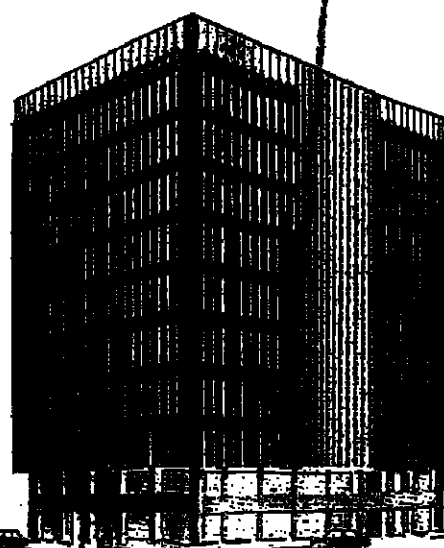
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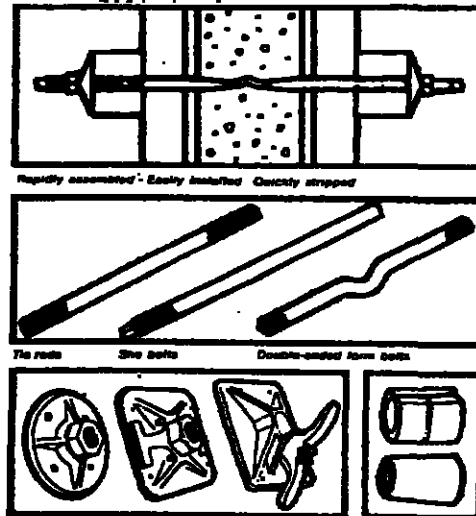
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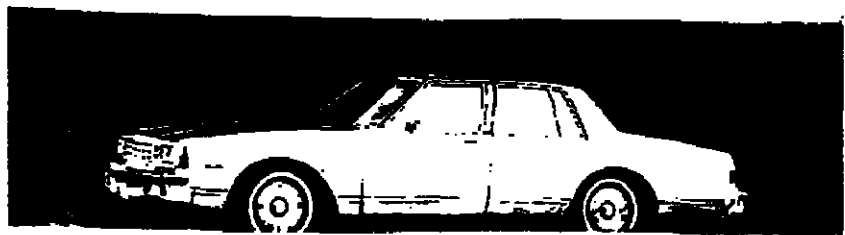


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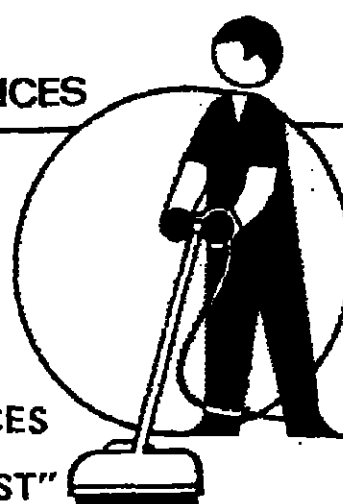
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At Madrid conference

West renews attack on Poland

MADRID, Feb. 12 (R) — Communist countries at the European Security Conference Friday dropped their attempt to cut short Western criticism of the military takeover in Poland, conference sources said. The East bloc decision cleared the way for French External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and other NATO officials to condemn the Polish situation at the 35-state meeting.

Cheysson was one of seven Western ministers prevented from speaking by Communist filibuster tactics when the marathon Madrid conference resumed Tuesday after a seasonal recess. "Everything arrives, even France's turn to speak," Cheysson declared in ironic tone when he was finally able to make his speech at the start of Friday's closed plenary.

Conference sources said that at the start of the meeting, Austrian Foreign Minister Wilfried Pahr raised a point of order proposing that the session should continue Friday afternoon because 22 persons were listed to speak. There were no objections to the proposal, made after talks with the Soviet side in

Madrid and in Vienna, the sources said.

On Tuesday, the Polish chairman of the plenary session and his East bloc allies insisted on sticking to previously set ground rules for the meeting to end around lunchtime. The seven-hour procedural wrangle silenced 13 speakers and prompted neutral Switzerland to press for an early adjournment of the conference on the grounds that the East-West atmosphere was too poisonous for any new detente accords.

But neutral Finland and Austria were believed opposed to an immediate suspension of the conference and Western delegation sources said Soviet opposition could keep the meeting going for several more weeks. NATO member Portugal presided over Friday's session under a rotating chairmanship rule. Portuguese chairman Leonardo Matias said it clear he would not allow any limits on speakers if he could help it.

Neutral delegation sources said they thought the Soviet side had decided against deploying new delaying tactics Friday because they now realized that Tuesday's

exercise had been counter-productive for them. After Tuesday's wrangle, Western officials sought to turn the filibuster to their own advantage by declaring it indicated lack of respect for free speech by the East bloc.

Cheysson said "events in Poland broke like a clap of thunder, deafening all those who believed in an improvement in East-West relations." Referring to the East-West detente accords signed in the Finnish capital seven years ago, Cheysson asked: "Who will dare to say that what happened and is happening in Poland does not constitute a violation of the Helsinki commitments?"

The French minister said that two months after the "state of war" was declared in Poland, the situation there had become worse rather than better. He accused the Soviet Union of pressuring Poland for the past 13 months and added: "who can doubt that the measures of Dec. 13 (when martial law was declared) were taken and put into effect with the active political and material collaboration of this power?"

Cheysson indicated that France wanted the Madrid conference to continue, despite the tense international situation. "Too many men are waiting for these negotiations started here a year and a half ago to succeed. We must do everything to respond to this hope," he said.

Cheysson said proposals made by neutral and nonaligned countries should help to resolve the final negotiating difficulties at the Madrid meeting. But he made it clear the Western side would be making no new concessions and that if agreement was to be reached on proposed new disarmament talks then the East bloc must give ground.

At a later news conference, Cheysson said France and the EEC countries would not propose an adjournment of the Madrid meeting, but understood the viewpoint of those who wanted a suspension. "A few weeks or months of reflection during which I hope the situation in Poland will evolve would be useful to maintain the possibility of keeping this forum and what has been discussed here," he said.

Swedish Foreign Minister Ola Ullsten called for the East-West dialogue to continue, despite the current tension. "I submit that in spite of all adversities we must carry on to seek agreements," he said. "It remains our sincere wish that the Madrid meeting can fulfill its function." Ullsten condemned the military takeover in Poland.

Reagan aides generate row

By Charles W. Holmes
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 — After just over a month on the job as President Ronald Reagan's national security adviser, William P. Clark has already begun generating controversy.

Clark, chosen to succeed Richard Allen after a highly publicized controversy in which Allen received \$1,000 from a Japanese magazine, has picked two aides who could cause embarrassment for the White House. Reportedly picked for the position of national security adviser because of his straightforward management style and his relatively chaste background, it seems as though Clark does not intend to avoid complication or shun controversy.

Soon after filling the slot as national security adviser, Clark began a reorganization of the security council staff. He hired a longtime friend as a temporary defense consultant, Thomas C. Reed, a former U.S. Air Force secretary, began working for the National Security Council for a 30-day period. Clark would like to make his position permanent according to newspaper reports.

Yet, when Reed joined the staff, he warned Clark that a permanent appointment could cause the Reagan administration much embarrassment. For just one month before his NSC appointment, Reed had been forced to settle charges that he had violated federal law. The infraction: the Securities and Exchange Commission alleged that Reed had made money on private stock deal using inside information. Reed agreed to repay the \$427,000 in profits earned from the deal to avoid a legal battle with the SEC.

Cancer detection technique found

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 12 (AFP) — Five local scientists have developed a technique to detect nose and throat cancer in its early stage. Disclosing this Friday, Dr. D. V. Ablashi of the National Cancer Institute in the United States said: "This is probably the first time in the world that a technique of this kind has been used to treat this cancer, medically known as 'nasopharyngeal carcinoma'."

The scientists are from the University of Malaysia's departments of pathology, medicine, genetics and cellular biology, and the Institute of Radiotherapy and Nuclear Medicine. Dr. Ablashi said the technique of early diagnosis requires samples of blood which are analyzed for antibodies directed against the virus.

Reagan to attend

NATO talks set in Bonn

BONN, Feb. 12 (AFP) — North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) heads of state and government will hold their summit in Bonn, instead of Brussels, on June 10 it was officially announced here Friday. U.S. President Ronald Reagan will be attending.

NATO headquarters in Brussels confirmed the switch in venue and sources there said the summit will focus on overall East-West relations following the imposition of martial law in Poland.

The summit will take place following a meeting of heads of state and government of seven Western and Japanese industrialized nations in Versailles, near Paris, from June 4 to 6. President Reagan, who will attend the Versailles meeting before flying to Rome, will probably arrive in Bonn on June 9 for talks with West German leaders. He will later visit London.

The move to hold the summit in Bonn rather than Brussels was put to American Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Madrid Monday by West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. They met in the Spanish capital for the reopening session of the conference on security and cooperation in Europe.

Informed sources here said the West German move was intended as a demonstration of the importance Bonn attaches to friend-

ship with the United States. A senior West German official who asked not to be named said it would also underscore the central role West Germany plays in NATO in spite of differences with Washington on such issues as sanctions against Poland and the Soviet Union.

Sources here also welcomed Reagan's presence at the NATO summit. According to a senior Western diplomat, "It is in West Germany that the future of NATO is really being decided."

If the Geneva talks between the United States and the Soviet Union on the limitation of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe produce no result, and should NATO then fail to deploy its Euromissiles, the alliance would show itself to be bankrupt, the diplomat suggested.

The NATO summit in Bonn will probably rekindle pacifist demonstrations here and increase opposition within the Social Democratic Party in the ruling coalition to possible deployment of Euromissiles in West Germany, observers suggested.

The SPD's left-wing might consider the holding of the NATO summit here as a "provocation" and this could make Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's position even more difficult at the party's congress to be held in Munich next April.

U.S. builds nerve gas plant

PINE BLUFF, Arkansas, Feb. 12 (AFP) — A nerve gas factory is under construction here, and production of the gas could begin in two years, — although Congress has not yet agreed to President Ronald Reagan's plan to resume stocking the gas after a 13-year interruption.

Dewey Spencer, public relations director of Pine Bluff Arsenal, said the army could begin ordering the material for the so-called "binary" nerve gas canisters as early as next month. The binary nerve gas system uses two types of gases, which are harmless when left alone, but deadly when mixed. They are

combined inside 115-millimeter artillery shells or bombs.

Spencer said Congress has already released \$20 million for the first stage of gas production, which is to make the material. He added that much of that money would go toward protecting the surrounding population from possible accidents.

Reagan notified Congress Monday that he planned to resume production of chemical weapons after a 13-year interruption. He must secure congressional approval before the Pine Bluff factory begins turning out the gases.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazn

"The right man at the right time and place." This is of course the ideal, the normal situation being either the wrong man at the right time or the right man at the wrong place, all to such various degrees of wrongness and rightness that things in the end even up and life stumbles on.

But there are people who are beyond this, being so essentially at odds with the universe that they are always mistiming and misplacing themselves.

Such fellows are really beyond help. They're jinxed and there's no more to be done about it. Like the humble official who daily works on his documents until he begins to see double and his hands ache. He decides to take a coffee break, his conscience being clear. But why is it that he always chooses the minute his boss comes round on a spot check of the works? And is it fair then the dirty look he gets and the sniffling remark about being paid to work not to sit around drinking coffee and dreaming the hours away?

One of my acquaintances is a man whose bad timing — or really his bad luck — has become legend. It was enough to see him in a rain coat to be certain that the sun was shining.

One of his more remarkable feats was performed on the day of the English Cup finals. He and a few friends decided to watch it on television together. He had the television, they had the place, so he was to bring the television over. It was only a short walk down the street.

He carried the television past his door step and immediately the burglar alarm in the shop right next door began to sound. It was, needless to say, a shop for the sale and hire of televisions. He took no more than four or five steps carrying his load when the police arrived.

He was released hours later, well after the match.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat.

Asylum sought in W. Berlin

Polish plane 'hijacked'

BERLIN, Feb. 12 (AP) — A plane of the Polish airline LOT, enroute from Warsaw to Wrocław with a crew of four and 19 passengers, landed on Tempelhof Airfield Friday and eight persons asked West Berlin officials for political asylum.

The pilot, who was accompanied by six relatives, diverted the Soviet-built AN-24 to the U.S. Air Force-administered base and German officials said his co-pilot also decided to stay in West Berlin after the plane touched down. U.S. officials questioned the passengers and crew and then handed over jurisdiction to German authorities. The U.S. Air Force was left with the problem of how to get the pilotless Antonov back to Poland.

An Air Force spokesman said the twin-engine turboprop landed at 8.55 a.m. local time (0755 GMT). After touchdown, the plane was immediately surrounded by U.S. military police who allowed the passengers and crew off the airliner about an hour later.

Two Polish security guards, supposed to prevent hijackings, chose to remain aboard, an Air Force spokesman said. After questioning crew members and the passengers, U.S. Air Force personnel turned the disembarked Poles over to West Berlin jurisdiction.

While still investigating the passengers and crew, German officials said it was not immediately certain whether two more security guards were among the plane's passengers. West Berlin's Tempelhof Airfield has been a frequent target of Polish hijack-

ings to the West. It is about 500 kms from Warsaw and 300 kms away from Wrocław.

The landing came a week after a Berlin court had sentenced 12 young Poles to prison terms between one and four years for their part in hijacking a LOT airliner during a Katowice to Warsaw flight and forcing it to fly to Tempelhof in September last year.

Hans-Wolfgang Treppe, the prosecutor in charge of investigating the latest incident, said the landing at Tempelhof was not a hijack in the usual sense of the word. It was more likely, he said, that the pilot would be charged with deprivation of liberty, punishable by German law with a maximum five-year prison sentence or with a cash fine.

The pilot could also not be charged with theft, the prosecutor said, because he obviously did not steal the plane but planned to turn it to its rightful owners after his escape.

Last year, West Berlin courts sentenced several Poles to prison sentences for their parts in the hijackings of LOT airliners to Tempelhof. In October, 21-year-old Bernard Pientka was sentenced to five years in prison for a July 22 hijacking.

On Jan. 19, a West Berlin court sentenced Jerzy Dugas, 25, to five and a half years for using a deactivated handgrenade in an Aug. 22 hijack.

On Feb. 5, 1982, a West Berlin judge sentenced 12 young Poles to prison terms ranging from one to four years. Because of their youth, the sentences of four of the accused were suspended.

Island dispute 'unfounded'

Soviets seek Japanese friendship

MOSCOW, Feb. 12 (AFP) — The Soviet Union Friday called for a more "lucid" attitude on the part of Japan about the disputed Kurile Islands which is the main obstacle to the signature of a joint peace treaty.

The Soviet government organ, *Izvestia*, said there was every reason to believe that Japan was only using the territorial dispute and "the myth" of a Soviet threat to foster distrust and encourage a spirit of revenge. Japan claims sovereignty over what it calls the "Northern Territories" a term used to enrobe the islands of Kunashiri, Etorofu and Shikotan and the Habomai Islets at the southern end of the Kurile Archipelago. These islands have been occupied by the Soviet Union since 1945 and Japan claims there has been a large buildup of Soviet forces there.

Izvestia said the Japanese government was using Kuriles issue to distract attention from

its own policies of military expansion and from the "aggressive nature of the Japan-U.S. alliance."

Izvestia emphasized strongly that the signature of a Soviet-Japanese peace treaty could "in no way be tied to the in-existent problem of the Northern Territories". The Kuriles were an "integral part" of the Soviet Union and the claim made by Tokyo that there was an "unresolved territorial dispute between the Soviet Union and Japan is a unilateral and wrong interpretation" of the facts, *Izvestia* said.

The government organ said the Soviet side had already explained clearly to the Japanese why their claim to the Kurile Islands was "unfounded". In conclusion, *Izvestia* wrote: "If the Japanese side took a lucid approach to the realities which emerged after World War II, a peace treaty could be signed between our two countries in a very short time."

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